

House backs Begin  
on settlement, El AlBy ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

By a vote of 58-54, with two abstentions, the Knesset yesterday "took note of and approved" the prime minister's political statement on Monday "in all its parts." The main points of the statement were a resolution never to dismantle any Jewish settlements, and endorsement of grounding El Al on Jewish holy days.

The abstentions were cast by Dror Zeigerman (Likud-Liberal) and Yigael Hurvitz (Telem). The second Telem deputy, Mordechai Ben-Porat, voted with Tehiya and the left opposition against the coalition resolution.

There was another crack in coalition discipline when Rabbi Haim Druckman (National Religious Party) voted for the Telem-Teihiya draft resolution, presented by Hurvitz, declaring that no part of Eretz Yisrael, Judea, Samaria, the Gaza district or the Golan Heights would be turned over to foreign sovereignty. Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz abstained on this resolution, while the rest of the coalition voted against.

The Alignment draft resolution, stating that the Knesset "takes note of the statement of Shimon Peres" on Monday, was defeated by a vote of 65-47. It was supported only by the Alignment, Zeigerman and Avraham Melamed (NRP) abstained.

The appointment of Aharon Uzan to replace Aharon Abuhaiter as minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Immigrant Absorption was approved by a vote of 61-47. This time Telem voted with the coalition. Tehiya and the Democratic Front abstained. Jacques Amir (Alignment) left the chamber before the vote, and Yehzekel Zakai (Alignment) did not vote.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's reply was something of an

anti-climax after his statement on Monday and the opposition speech of Alignment leader Peres.

Begin said that if Peres' viewpoint had been followed by the early settlers, today there would be no Zichron Ya'acov, no Rishon Le-Zion, even no Tel Aviv, for all of these places had been heavily populated by Arabs. Either Zionism was moral from the beginning, or immoral from the beginning, Begin said.

Alignment heckling began shortly after Begin started talking, and he admonished the hecklers. "You interrupted me enough yesterday. What was so terrible? That I spoke about the sanctity of the Sabbath?"

Rabbi Menahem Hacohen (Alignment): "That's hypocrisy, that's hypocrisy, that's hypocrisy!"

Begin: "Rav mi-ta'am, why are you shouting? (Rav mi-ta'am was the epithet applied by the Jews in Czarist Russia to government-appointed rabbis. Hacohen is the rabbi of the Moshav Movement.)"

Hacohen: "For 32 years you've sat in this House and never said a word about the Sabbath!"

Begin: "All right, all right, rav mi-ta'am, sit down!"

Hacohen: "I am a rabbi mi-ta'am (on behalf of) the settlement movement. You are a prime minister mi-ta'am!"

Begin: "All right. I am prime minister mi-ta'am the people of Israel. You are a rabbi mi-ta'am the Histadrut."

On the polemics over who was responsible, or "more responsible," for giving up the Sinai settlements, Begin asked Peres who had forced him, or the Alignment, to vote in 1978 for the combined resolution approving the Camp David agreement together with the clause on removal of the Sinai settlements. Begin noted that Herut MKs Moshe Arens and Yosef Rom had voted against the agreement because of

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Sides gird  
for battle  
over El AlBy JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Lawyers representing the Histadrut and El Al workers yesterday were preparing an appeal to the High Court of Justice as cabinet ministers planned to hold their first meeting to decide how to stop the national carrier's flights on Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel yesterday discussed the problem with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, but a well-placed source said both leaders merely reiterated their positions.

Meshel left the meeting with the impression that Begin had underestimated the possibility that hundreds of workers would be fired if the airline is grounded on the Sabbath.

Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich, who heads the Sabbath flights committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he will convene its members today. But he declined to take a stand in the argument between Begin, who said the flights should be stopped within three months, and Transport Minister Haim Corfu, who said the grounding should be staggered and begin only in three months.

Reached at his home last night, Ehrlich said he will take a stand "in accordance with what will happen in the committee." However, he recalled he had voted against the proposed grounding when the cabinet decided the issue on Sunday.

The cabinet was endorsing the coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael which says the national carrier's planes will not take off, fly or land on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays.

The El Al workers' attorneys claim the cabinet's decision violated the law. In a letter to the ministerial committee, the attorney-general and the chairman of El Al's board of directors, attorneys Eli Meital and Dror Huter-Yishai claimed the law says government-owned companies must be run in accordance with business considerations of "non-government owned companies."

Grounding the airline on the Sabbath, the lawyers contend, would cost \$30 million to \$40 million and is certainly no sound business decision. Moreover, the Tel Aviv labour court had issued a temporary order barring the airline's management from unilaterally changing work procedures — and Sabbath flight is one of them. Therefore, unless the cabinet's decision is cancelled, the

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The children of moshav Pri-Gan, which was transferred from the Yamit area to the Shalom salient, plant trees in their new home. (Dekel)

Girl pupil killed during  
Gaza Strip school riot

Jerusalem Post Staff

An 18-year-old Arab high school student was killed yesterday and a number of Jews, Arabs and foreign tourists were injured in violent disturbances which ranged throughout the West Bank and Gaza and in Jerusalem.

The dead girl, Ihsan Halil Daras, was shot in the chest when a three-man army patrol opened fire at rioting students in the courtyard of Abbasan secondary school in the Gaza Strip, near Khan Yunis, the military spokesman said. One other girl received bullet wounds in the legs.

The spokesman said the Abbasan pupils began rioting after 10 masked youths armed with knives entered classrooms and began ordering the girl students to boycott classes. An IDF patrol followed the youths into the school compound and arrested two of them, at which point about 200 girls started throwing desks, stones and school furnishings from second-storey windows.

"The soldiers shot in the air and used all possible measures before firing at the legs of the students," the spokesman said.

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Britain loses  
warship, jet  
off Falklands

LONDON (AP). — A British warship, HMS Sheffield, was attacked and sunk "with a number of casualties" and a British Sea Harrier jet shot down and its pilot killed by Argentine forces in the battle for the Falklands yesterday, the Defence Ministry announced.

A ministry spokesman said the 3,660-ton destroyer Sheffield, which has a normal complement of 280 men, was hit by an Argentine missile and caught fire "which spread out of control."

The crew abandoned ship when there was no longer any hope of saving it and all evacuees were picked up safely, ministry spokesman Ian McDonald said.

But he added: "It is feared there have been a number of casualties but we have no details of them yet. Next of kin will be informed first as soon as details are received."

The pilot of the Sea Harrier was killed when his plane was shot down during a bombing raid on the airfield at Port Stanley, the Falklands capital, McDonald said.

They were the first reported British combat casualties since Argentine forces invaded the British colony on April 2. Fighting in the British attempt to recapture the islands broke out last Saturday.

Earlier Defence Minister John Nott told Parliament that British aircraft made the second attack on Port Stanley airfield to render the airstrip completely useless. He said a bombing raid on the airfield last Saturday left the runway cratered and unusable for Argentine transport planes which had been flying in supplies and reinforcements.

The announcement of the latest British raid came amid mounting concern that the sinking of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano on Sunday might bring a political and diplomatic backlash.

Argentine rescue ships plucked at least 680 survivors from the stormy South Atlantic yesterday, according to a joint chiefs of staff communique issued in Buenos Aires.

In Washington, Secretary of State Alexander Haig said the loss of life in the sinking of the cruiser may cause Argentina to resist any compromise settlement.

Testifying before a Senate appropriations subcommittee, Haig said: "As of this morning, the necessary flexibility has not developed in Buenos Aires" for a political settlement of the dispute.

Haig also said that the U.S. does not anticipate its backing of Britain will lead to direct U.S. military support or involvement.

Earlier, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said President Ronald Reagan believes the sinking shows the "gravity and danger" of the situation.

The State Department said it was authorizing a number of non-essential personnel and dependents of U.S. diplomats in Buenos Aires to leave Argentina temporarily because of the crisis.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev said the conflict provided evidence of Washington's imperialist designs toward South America. He defended Argentina's seizure of the islands during his talks with visiting Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega.

Nott said the General Belgrano had been torpedoed because it was closing on elements of the British task force. He said the submarine did not attack two destroyers accompanying the General Belgrano to give them a chance to go to the aid of the crippled cruiser.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met again with her war cabinet before yesterday's parliamentary session. Referring to the sinking of the cruiser, a Thatcher aide said: "We are not apologizing."

Legislators from both Thatcher's Conservative Party and opposition Labour expressed disquiet over the sinking.

Labour left-winger Robert Cryer, vice-chairman of the party's parliamentary defence committee, said the UN resolution April 3 demanding that Argentina withdraw from the Falklands "does not give Britain the right to fire on any craft she chooses."

Conservative rank-and-file legislator Sir Nigel Fisher said he had reservations about heavy casualties in an attack outside the British war zone. "Hitherto we have had total world support. Now we are beginning to lose it."

Labour deputy leader Denis Healey said: "Was it absolutely essential that it should be sunk? Was it not possible to cripple her?" (AP, Reuters, UPI)

## Curfew imposed in Warsaw

WARSAW (UPI). — Poland's military rulers yesterday slapped a nightly curfew and other tough restrictions on Warsaw and probably other cities in the wake of mass anti-government riots and demonstrations all over the country.

Following an emergency session of the ruling military council, Warsaw's mayor issued a proclamation decreeing a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew for adults over 18, and a 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew for people under 18, effective last night.

All student clubs, discos and public places of entertainment were ordered shut.

The restrictions turned back the

clock, as only on Sunday had the 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew been lifted nationwide, and similar sanctions were believed applied in other cities.

In addition, telephone communications in at least Gdanek and Warsaw were cut Monday night during the biggest outbreak of open opposition to martial law since the early days of military rule.

"The consequences of the latest brawl will be paid by the residents of those districts where the curfew was reimposed. Telephone communication was cut, sports and cultural events were called off, the ban on using private cars was in-

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Golan Druse complaints  
being considered by IDF

By YOEL DAR

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
MAJDAL SHAMS. — The IDF yesterday began investigating complaints by local residents against the behaviour of soldiers during the recent 40-day closure of Golan Heights Druse villages. A high-ranking officer yesterday visited Majdal Shams and recorded the various complaints directly.

The army will also investigate accusations by officials that local residents caused heavy damage to public buildings, including schools.

This is the first time that the IDF is investigating complaints of both sides on the issue.

Security forces have meanwhile arrested two more residents in connection with hostile propaganda against the state. One of the two is a teacher from Majdal Shams and the second is a religious leader from Mas'ada. The latter allegedly prevented Druse holding Israeli identity cards from attending religious services.

The security forces also restricted a resident of Majdal Shams to the town. Under an order issued by the

army, Samir Ayoub cannot leave the town without a permit, must report to the police station every day and stay at home from dusk to dawn.

Meanwhile, mutual accusations of intimidation between the moderate and the pro-Syrian Druse on the Heights are continuing. The police have reportedly beefed up their presence in the Druse villages to prevent clashes between the two rival camps.

The pro-Israeli groups claim that their children have been beaten, their telephones cut and vehicles damaged at night. They say that a house in Ein Kinya village was set alight on Friday and the home of a teacher from Majdal Shams was stoned. The pro-Israeli residents say they are forced to carry weapons, particularly at night.

On the other hand, members of the pro-Syrian camp claim that a 15-year-old youth from Majdal Shams was wounded when a group of Israeli supporters opened fire on Saturday. They say that 13 of their cows were also poisoned.

Police Inspector-General Arye Ivtzan is due to visit the police station at Mas'ada tomorrow.

U.S. deplores shootings  
in West Bank and Gaza

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. yesterday deplored Israel's use of "lethal force" in putting down rioting by Palestinians, and a U.S. official warned privately it could tough off wide violence.

"We are deeply concerned by the overall climate of violence which has been allowed to develop in the West Bank and Gaza and by the resort to lethal force to quell disturbances," the State Department said.

The Reagan administration also made clear it doesn't approve of a statement Monday by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin that Israel would demand sovereignty over the occupied territories as part of a final solution and would never dismantle its settlements there.

## Tunik to look into Golan Druse issue

By ASHER WALLEFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset State Control Committee yesterday charged State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik with drawing up either an opinion, or a regular report, on the activities of the IDF and the Interior Ministry on the Golan Heights during the recent campaign to compel the local Druse to take out Israeli identity cards.

The State Department said the future of the occupied territories should be decided on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 242 which calls for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It said the future of the settlements will have to be resolved by negotiations on Palestinian autonomy in the Camp David accords.

In New York, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar made an appeal through his spokesman yesterday, for "maximum restraint" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip after Israeli troops killed an Arab woman in a riot.

However, this decision was taken in the absence of the coalition members, who walked out in protest when chairman Avraham Katz-Oz refused to vote on the Likud proposal not to debate the Golan Druse issue at all.

Former Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn told the committee that the military and civilian authorities had abused the civil rights of the Golan Druse, who hold foreign nationality, by inflicting upon them punishment which only a judge was authorized to mete out in a democratic state. Every citizen should raise his voice in protest at such undemocratic action, he said.

Chief Military Prosecutor Tat-Aluf Dov Shefi said that the investigations branch of the IDF military police had launched an extensive enquiry in the wake of material submitted to it by the Israel Civil Rights Committee.

Katz-Oz said that the individual IDF soldiers had been unfairly criticized because of events on the Golan Heights during the ID cards campaign. The authorities should bear all the blame, he stressed.

The coalition members who walked out of the meeting charged that Katz-Oz was exploiting his powers as chairman illegally, to make political capital out of the Golan situation and besmirch the good name of the IDF.

## Police capture crime in Jlem on video

By ISRAEL AMRANI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police will ask the magistrate's court today to remand 84 suspects described as the Jerusalem underworld's "upper echelon." They were swept up early yesterday morning following an eight-month evidence-gathering operation.

Details on the operation, dubbed "Wide Eye" for the use of video equipment to collect evidence, were given yesterday in a press conference given by Southern District Commander Yehoshua Caspi, Investigations Chief Yehzekel Carthy, Jerusalem Commander Rahamim Comfot, and other top police officers.

Although the arrests involved 250 police, Border Police and anti-terror units using some 50 vehicles, the field work was done by two agents planted in the underworld after being hired and trained specifically for this purpose.

The agents lured the suspects, by deals involving dangerous drugs and stolen property, to locations where video recording was possible. According to

police 85 per cent of the criminal community use or deal in drugs.

"Wide Eye" resulted in 260 cases opened against 84 suspects, of whom nine were described as leaders of Jerusalem crime. Their activities include dealing in hashish and heroin, burglaries, robberies, illegal possession of arms, and extortion.

According to Carthy, the two agents were backed by a system of intelligence and planning targeted at bringing known criminals to court and presenting indisputable evidence for their conviction. For that reason, the office of the district attorney took part in the planning. Of the 84, 25 were "target criminals" — suspects known to police, often ex-convicts, who in the past had escaped convictions on serious crimes for lack of evidence.

Police will ask for the remand of most of the suspects until the end of proceedings, as they say they have conclusive evidence. The operation was not related to the arrest of a 12-man Jerusalem burglary ring reported in *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

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AMSTERDAM	7	15	14	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	4	10	10	Cloudy
BUEENOS AIRES	10	20	20	Clear
CHICAGO	8	18	28	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	6	13	10	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	6	13	17	Cloudy
GENEVA	6	13	22	Clear
HELSINKI	4	10	9	Clear
HONG KONG	21	27	21	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	8	13	20	Clear
LISBON	11	22	22	Clear
LONDON	4	10	12	Clear
MADRID	8	13	27	Cloudy
MONTREAL	4	10	17	Cloudy
NEW YORK	13	22	21	Cloudy
OSLO	4	10	5	Cloudy
PARIS	8	13	17	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	13	22	21	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	12	24	20	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	2	10	10	Clear
TOKYO	21	27	21	Clear
TORONTO	8	13	20	Clear
VIENNA	4	10	12	Clear
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	43	21
Golan	44	20
Nahariya	63	23
Safed	48	19
Haifa Port	66	21
Tiberias	58	28
Nazareth	48	21
Afula	39	24
Shomron	21	22
Tel Aviv	61	23
B-G Airport	38	22
Jericho	39	28
Gaza	67	21
Beersheba	37	24
Eilat	20	29

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin yesterday greeted a delegation from the Swiss parliament, led by Dr. Walter Aegerter. The delegation also called on Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

The Helen and Arthur Shapiro (New York) Garden, gift of William and Alice Russell-Shapiro, was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University Mount Scopus campus. Also dedicated was the Columbia Foundation Chair in Soil and Water Sciences. The ceremonies were presided over by university president Avraham Harman, in the presence of Mrs. Madeleine Russell of San Francisco, president of the Columbia Foundation, and the Shapiro and Russell families.

Haim Vigolik of Magen David Adom will speak on the "Importance of Knowing Emergency Procedures" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a Business Meeting at the Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

## ARRIVALS

Hodding Carter, former U.S. State Department spokesman, to deliver the annual Arye Dismantling Memorial Lecture on the anniversary of the death of the former *Mahar* editor.

## MKs divided over phone rights

Post Knesset Reporter  
MK Mordechai Ben Porat (Telem) yesterday began circulating a petition among Knesset members calling on the house committee to reconsider its decision on Monday regarding the "second telephone" for MKs. But there is some confusion about what the committee actually decided.

One version is that any MK who wishes will be entitled to a second, telephone, advancing to the head of the queue, and that the number of an MK's free calls will henceforth be unlimited.

On the assumption that this is indeed what the committee decided, Geula Cohen (Tehiya), Imri Ron (Alignment), and Ben Porat announced their opposition yesterday. They say that with a nation-wide waiting list of 200,000 it is unfair to give MKs a second telephone.

But according to Sara Doron (Likud-Liberal) the present quota of free calls remains unchanged and MKs will now have to pay for the installation of a telephone (even if it is their first).

Tokens to cost IS1.30

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved an increase in the price of telephone tokens (asimotim) from IS1.10 to IS1.30, a rise of 18 per cent. The committee decided not to approve a Communications Ministry proposal for a 25 per cent rise which would have brought the price to IS1.50.

# WORLD & HOME NEWS

## 'Washington Post' admits 'errors' in Israel coverage

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The *Washington Post's* in-house ombudsman yesterday conceded that his newspaper has made editorial mistakes in its recent reporting on the Middle East, although he strongly denied any deliberate anti-Israel intent or bias.

Responding to widespread criticism from Israeli officials and other Israeli supporters, Robert J. McCloskey, a former State Department official who now works for *The Washington Post* as its ombudsman, wrote on the editorial page that these critics can legitimately point to some recent errors.

"I can agree with the critics to this extent," he said. "Frequently news involving Israel is given exaggerated play."

In reviewing coverage over the past several months, he said, "I can see how play gets equated with suspicious intent. Also, at times, plain mistakes occur and are not always corrected."

He noted that the newspaper has tended to splash on its front-page major stories about Israeli shootings of Palestinian rioters on the West Bank, while relegating larger scale Arab violence against Arabs to a few paragraphs on inside pages.

"These and other examples move serious people to ask why it is when Moslems kill Moslems it is not as newsworthy as when Israelis kill Moslems," he said. To say that what Israel does is of greater interest to the American audience "is not a satisfactory answer," McCloskey said. "Nor is it enough to say that the Begin government's West Bank

policy is a subject of dispute in Israel itself and of concern here, or that Israel is open and Moslem societies are not."

McCloskey also criticized his newspaper for neglecting to report on a recent poll on U.S. attitudes toward the Middle East conducted jointly by *The Washington Post* and ABC News.

ABC News did report on the poll, which showed that Americans, by a three-to-one margin, are more sympathetic to Israel than to the Arab states; that 51 per cent say Israel is working harder for peace; that of those who know what the PLO is, 75 per cent believe it is "a force for war rather than peace"; that 49 per cent approve of President Ronald Reagan's handling of Middle East policy; and that of those with an opinion of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, nearly two-thirds are favorable to him.

In not reporting on its own poll, McCloskey said, "omissions are seen as confirmation of bias."

The *Post's* polling analyst explained that the results were not published because the poll dealt "with issues most people don't know about...some don't know who signed Camp David... numbers are not always helpful...that paper may come back with the same questions to see if there's a trend."

Responded McCloskey: "My view is the results should have been published."

He also criticized a report which appeared in the newspaper with a Jerusalem dateline for declaring that "Israel had rejected withdrawal from occupied territories." He said: "That was plain wrong, but no correction followed."



Chatting yesterday before the Hebrew University board of governors' meeting are (left to right) Prof. Reuven Yaron; Prof. Shlomo Avineri; board chairman Robert Smith; university president Avraham Harman; Prof. Menachem Milson.

## Milson: PLO hold on territories is weakening

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Menachem Milson, civilian administrator of Judea and Samaria, said last night there were signs that the PLO "stranglehold" on Judea and Samaria was weakening under the policy being directed against the organization's supporters.

"There are positive signs that the new policy is reaping results," he told the opening session of the Hebrew University Board of Governors' annual meeting. Milson cited the failure of the PLO's calls for a general commercial strike and the continued cooperation of the bulk of the population in the territories. Milson called for a national consensus "in Israel and the Diaspora"

supporting the policy currently being conducted. The hardline policy has been the subject of considerable criticism in Israel. "Those who turn a blind eye to the PLO must be brought to understand that this undermines the peace process," he said. "We are fighting the PLO in order to make peace with the Palestinians."

The object of the new policy, he said, was to create an environment in which local Palestinians can express themselves freely without intimidation. He said that Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa had submitted a 16-point proposal to the PLO leadership in Lebanon outlining why it was in the Palestinian interest to engage in peace talks. The proposal had been thrown out, said

Milson, and Shawa was warned that it was "tantamount to treason."

Milson said that autonomy implies volition and therefore could not be imposed against the will of the Palestinians. "The PLO knows this and is attempting to sabotage the peace agreement."

The next step after peace with Egypt, he said, was peace with the Palestinians "without whom there can be no lasting peace in the Middle East."

Another speaker, Prof. Shlomo Avineri, said that while the PLO "as presently constituted" can be no partner for peace talks, "when we start making peace with the Palestinians, all of us may be surprised at how attitudes in Israel may change if there is give on the other side."

## New Tami minister vows to replace director of NII

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Aharon Uzan, sworn in yesterday as the new minister of labour, social affairs, and immigrant absorption, plans to carry out his party's pledge to replace the director of the National Insurance Institute with a Tami political appointee.

Uzan said yesterday that he plans to fire Rafi Roter and to appoint Jerusalem lawyer Danny Azriel in his place.

Ministry director-general Yisrael Gornalnik announced his intention to resign several months ago and will be replaced by Asher Ohayon, Tami representative on the Jewish Agency Executive. Ohayon is a former mayor of Netivot and is now in charge of Jewish Agency liaison with Sephardi communities abroad.

Contrary to previous statements by Tami leaders, the head of the Employment Service, Baruch Haklai, will remain in his post. Fellow Tami MK Ben-Zion Rubin, will continue to serve as deputy minister.

The Tami plan to replace senior ministry officials was blocked while Prime Minister Menachem Begin acted as caretaker minister during the fraud trial of previous minister Aharon Abuhatzira.

## Begin blasts TV for hasty Peres interview

Prime Minister Menachem Begin last night lambasted Israel Television for broadcasting on the Mabat evening newscast an interview with opposition leader MK Shimon Peres immediately following a sequence of the premier's own Knesset address. In the Knesset, Begin had sharply attacked the Alignment, and Peres in particular.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Bureau branded the television interview "an act that is improper in any democratic country," where "after the prime minister concludes the debate in parliament, there is no further debate."

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## Begin blasts TV for hasty Peres interview

Prime Minister Menachem Begin last night lambasted Israel Television for broadcasting on the Mabat evening newscast an interview with opposition leader MK Shimon Peres immediately following a sequence of the premier's own Knesset address. In the Knesset, Begin had sharply attacked the Alignment, and Peres in particular.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Bureau branded the television interview "an act that is improper in any democratic country," where "after the prime minister concludes the debate in parliament, there is no further debate."

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## EL AL BATTLE

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workers say they will take all measures to fight it.

For the time being these measures, coordinated with the Histadrut, are legal and political only.

Eli Ben-Menahem, the spokesman for El Al's works committee, explained last night they would not strike or take other action which may jeopardize their case in court. He also said he felt the public supported him, and indicated he did not want to lose that goodwill by striking now.

Trade unionist Moshe Levi and the airline's staff committees yesterday talked representatives of workers in the Airport Authority and the airport refuellers out of striking this Saturday.

The *Post's* Knesset Correspondent adds:

MK Yosef Rom (Likud-Herut) wrote Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday, urging him to close down El Al and replace it by a public airline owned and managed by investors on a commercial basis. Rom told reporters here that El Al probably lost money by operating on the Sabbath because employees were paid 375 per cent of the regular wage, and got a day's extra leave into the bargain.

Rom said the existing labour contracts with El Al staff made it impossible to solve the airline's problems, because they prevented making the staff cuts which were the only way to put El Al into the black. El Al's problem is not efficiency or motivation or occupancy, but its wage bill, he said. He said that other national airlines were operating fleets two-and-a-half times greater than El Al's fleet, with the same size staff.

## GIRL PUPIL

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injuries at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus.

Earlier in the day, stone-throwing Arab youths injured a civilian in the head and pelted a Border Police patrol near Herod's Gate in Jerusalem's Old City.

In Bethlehem, troops stopped a procession of students marching from the College de Freres to the Church of the Nativity to protest against "Israel desecration of Moslem holy places." Four students were arrested.

Near Bethlehem soldiers removed a Palestinian flag from a utility pole beside the campment of the Za'atira tribe.

Near Jericho, a woman pelted on a tour bus was injured by stone-throwers smashed a window of the vehicle's windshield.

In Beit Fajr, Tekoa, Yatafa and the Fawar refugee camp — there were clashes between soldiers and demonstrators who threw stones at Israeli vehicles, particularly those travelling to recently opened Nahal settlements.

In Fawar an Arab girl was injured. A number of demonstrators were arrested. In Beit Fajr, Se'ir and Fawar the IDF imposed restrictions on movement by residents, not allowing them in or out.

In Dura, south of Hebron, the high school was closed by the IDF under an order issued by the military governor. In Ramallah, high school students staged a sit-down strike to protest against the closure of their school several days ago. There were also demonstrations in Jenin.

Three workers at the Nablis municipality were arrested yesterday on suspicion of inciting fellow workers against the civilian administration.

Violinist Isaac Stern was made an honorary fellow of the Rubin Academy of Music at a ceremony held yesterday in the Jerusalem Theatre. This is the first time that the academy, now celebrating its 35th anniversary, has made such an award.

CACHE. — An underground arms cache from the days of the War of Independence was discovered this week at Mishmar Hasharon near Netanya.

## Works committees, Aridor fail to meet—strike mooted

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The heads of the 13 major works committees did not meet Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday morning "for purely technical reasons," their spokesman, Shlomo Avineri of the Seamen's Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. He expected the meeting to take place on Aridor's return from the U.S.

Aviner said the union men had been informed only at 7 a.m. yesterday that Aridor wished to meet them, and it had proved "technically impossible" to get the 13 men together before midday, as proposed by Aridor.

Aviner denied that the Histadrut had frightened the committee heads out of their meeting with the minister. They had not been in touch with anybody in the Histadrut

on the matter "and anyway nobody can frighten us," Aviner said.

He affirmed that the committees would call their members out on strike a week from tomorrow if by then the national wage agreement will not have been signed and the decision to close El Al on Saturdays were not reconsidered.

The *Jerusalem Post's* economic reporter adds: Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel said yesterday that before calling on these work committees the finance minister should meet the staff committees in the government offices. Meshel said that the minister cannot expect to have quiet while he lowers wages and raises prices. The Histadrut will make a fight of it wherever full wages are not paid, and this would be decided by the Histadrut Executive and not the works committees.

## Egypt 'not intimidated' by Begin policy

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt will not be "intimidated" by Israeli efforts to increase settlement in the administered territories, and will continue working for a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, Foreign Undersecretary Osama el-Baz said here yesterday.

"Jewish settlements are an impediment to the peace process. They are counter-productive," el-Baz told a Foreign Press Association news conference. "We believe that policies that drive the Palestinian people away from the peace process are counter-productive."

El-Baz said that if Israel passed a law banning the uprooting of Jewish outposts, "we would consider this law illegal, insignificant and invalid...we will not be intimidated and this should not prevent us from pursuing peace."

## Algerian peace envoy dies in plane crash inside Iran

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Mediation efforts to end the 19-month-old Gulf War have suffered a further setback with the death of Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Benyahia, whose plane crashed on Sunday night while en route to Tehran for a further round of talks with Iran's leaders.

Iran yesterday blamed Iraq for the crash, claiming that two Iraqi jet fighters chased the plane while it was in Turkish airspace before it came down just inside Iran.

Iraq denied the charge, saying the crash was "either an accident or the work of Iran's rulers whom it accused of trying to prolong the war. Benyahia was regarded as one of the key figures in modern Algerian history, one of the chief theoreticians of the regime and actively involved in his country's struggle for independence from France.

He came into international prominence for his role in securing the 1981 release of the American hostages in Iran.

Iran yesterday declared three days of national mourning and vowed to avenge the death of the minister.

On the battlefield, meanwhile, the picture remained unclear yesterday as both sides released conflicting bulletins claiming huge enemy losses.

Observers have noted, however, that Iran appears to have prepared itself far less thoroughly for its current push towards the Iraqi-held port of Khorramshahr, now in its sixth day, than it did for its highly successful offensive in central Khuzestan six weeks ago.

It spent several months preparing for that offensive, concentrating its best units and equipment in the Dezful-Shush area, and succeeded in forcing a humiliating Iraqi withdrawal.

Iraq, on the other hand, appears to have learned the lesson of the Dezful fiasco, and reports from the battlefield suggest it is putting up far stouter resistance along the Karun River.

The current battle for Khorramshahr is widely viewed to be crucial to the final outcome of the war, since if Iran manages to recapture the city, it will sever the supply lines to the Iraqi army in Khuzestan and pave the way for an almost certain Iranian victory.

## Troops to pick fruit for defence fund

Some 4,000 soldiers will pick citrus this month, with their wages going to LIBI, the Israel Defence Fund, Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper told reporters yesterday.

Grupper said each soldier would net the fund the equivalent of the standard wage for the job. The scheme had been worked out with the ready agreement of Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and the Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Rafael Eitan, he said.

Grupper said the Labour Ministry's employment service welcomed the scheme, since Arab workers who had picked fruit earlier in the season stopped coming to work since the withdrawal from Sinai, for unknown reasons.

Grupper said the Arab workers were apparently confused by political developments and uncertain about the future.

He said there was a good market in Europe for the fruit which still remained to be picked.

## Sde Dov to be moved within a decade

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter



## Overseas broadcasts in jeopardy—Zipori

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori warned yesterday that Israel's network of short- and medium-wave broadcasts is in danger of collapse.

Reviewing the activities of his ministry in the context of the annual budget debate, Zipori said that if there is not an immediate change in the government's approach to and investment in these broadcasts, Israel would lose this form of contact with world Jewry and with "millions of overseas listeners."

In 1981 the ministry requested \$500 million to improve the broadcast network, but was allocated only \$171m. Zipori said that \$200m. over four years is needed for the comprehensive development of the broadcasting system.

Zipori said that the broadcasting equipment is in "an advanced stage of obsolescence." The ongoing effort of the short-wave broadcasts to overcome Soviet jamming necessitates rapid switching from frequency to frequency.

The effort has met with "a certain success," Zipori said, but a by-product is the rapid wearing-out of equipment. The result is deterioration in the quality of the broadcasts and a decline in their credibility.

While other countries are expanding their medium- and short-wave broadcasts, Israel is marking time, Zipori said. The Arab states

and Iran increased the number of their medium-wave transmitters from 36 in 1969 to 107 in 1980. In the same period, Israel increased the number of its transmitters from three to four.

"Our little territory is being crushed by the broadcasting power of our neighbours," Zipori said. Our main television transmitter has a power of 200 kilowatts (making reception difficult in many parts of the country), while Egypt broadcasts in our direction with a capacity of 1,600 kw.

A second TV channel is essential, Zipori said. One channel cannot do a satisfactory job since it must divide its time between educational TV, Arabic programmes, and Hebrew programmes. He said there was no conflict between flourishing print journalism and multi-channel broadcasting.

Zipori said that the ministry's draft Broadcasting Law calls for the establishment of a second TV channel, local channels of cable television, and additional country-wide and local radio stations.

Concerning the telephone shortage, Zipori said 200,000 persons or institutions were waiting for telephones — 43,000 of them for over five years. To solve the problem the ministry needed \$4 billion a year (at 1981 prices) for three years. This year it had received a development budget of only two-thirds that amount.

## Squadron sanguine on Sabbath rest for El Al

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

American Jewry would likely approve of El Al being idle on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays, according to Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Squadron told a press conference at Jerusalem's Beit Agon yesterday that Jewish organizations in the U.S., whether religious or not, tend to observe *kashrut* and Shabbat at all official occasions for their symbolic importance to the Jewish people. They will not object to the national airline of Israel observing the Jewish holy days, he said. But they are "turned off or even offended" by efforts to change the Law of Return to exclude non-Orthodox converts, because it would discriminate against a large portion of "American Jews," Squadron added.

Squadron also predicted that

Israel's loss of a strong bargaining position with its evacuation of Sinai should not cause any major changes in American policy in the Middle East.

Squadron said that President Ronald Reagan's commitment to a secure Israel, as well as his staunch anti-Communism, will continue. But selling arms to countries like Jordan and even Iraq to wean them away from the Soviet orbit will be a continuing goal in Reagan's policies as well, Squadron said.

He also noted that Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has a "long history of mostly commercial relations with Saudi Arabia" and views relations with that country as essential.

Squadron is here to attend the American Jewish Congress biennial convention, which ends tonight, and to accompany 10 American mayors on the third such AJC-sponsored gathering in Israel.

## Egyptians arrive in force to participate in Festival

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two Egyptian delegations to the Tel Aviv Festival and several Egyptian artists who were scheduled to arrive at noon yesterday, reached Tel Aviv only late last night due to what was described as unexpected delays.

Consisting of the Egyptian National Orchestra and Choir and the Egyptian National Folklore Troupe, as well as belly dancers and other artists, the delegations, who total about 200 people, are to be among the highlights of the Tel Aviv Festival which began on Saturday night.

As a result of the Egyptians' late

arrival, a lunch, press conference and reception organized for them had to be cancelled. A performance of the Batsheva dance company, scheduled for yesterday evening in honour of the Egyptian group, was also cancelled. It was unclear what caused the delay.

The Egyptians brought several tons of equipment, musical instruments, costumes and props. The *Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

Late last night, they were due to attend a party in honour of Peace Ship owner Able Nathan given by the Tel Aviv Hilton, together with dozens of Israeli artists, Egyptian diplomats, public figures and local glamour girls.



Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg (left) bids a smiling farewell to Sheikh Amin Habash (centre), retiring as chairman of the Sharia appeals court after 34 years on the bench, as Subhi Abu Ghosh, director of the Sharia courts in the ministry, looks on. (Zoom 77)

## Chief Moslem jurist retires

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A ceremony marking the retirement of Kadi Sheikh Hassan Amin Habash, chief justice of the Sharia (religious) Appeals Court, was held yesterday in the office of Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg. Attending the ceremony were the minister, top officials and kadis from various Moslem courts in Israel.

The first kadi to be appointed in Israel in 1948, in Nazareth, Habash was appointed first chief justice of the Sharia Appeals Court in 1976. The Sharia courts are the equivalent of rabbinical courts, and rule for the Moslem community in matters of marriage and divorce, as well as in matters concerning the Moslem

trust (Wakf). There are six Sharia courts and one appeal court in Israel.

Habash is noted as a liberal. In 1973, he appealed to officials conducting marriages in the Moslem community to persuade parents to respect the wishes of sons and daughters and not to force on them spouses not to their liking.

The next chief justice will be appointed by a committee composed of Burg, another minister, three MKs (two being Moslem), two representatives of the bar association (one being Moslem) and two kadis. The committee has not yet been formed, reportedly due to difficulties in choosing the parliamentary representatives.

## Saguy: prospects of war increased

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The balance of power between Israel and the Arab armies has worsened, as far as the IDF is concerned, but in the coming decade Israel will continue to maintain a qualitative edge.

This view was expressed by Aluf Yehoshua Saguy, the chief of army intelligence, in an interview to the army weekly, *Bamahane*, published today.

Saguy said that the former ratio of 1:3 had worsened during the past few years and that the IDF now had to think in terms of a 1:5 ratio with the enemy. This meant that the price of victory in a future war would be higher than in the past, he surmised.

The prospects of war have increased because the enemy's armies are bigger, Arab leaders believe Egypt will join them, and because of increasing domestic problems they face, Saguy said. He indicated that a decision to attack Israel from the east could be implemented within a relatively short time because the military infrastructure already exists.

Saguy did not write off the danger of an Arab nuclear attack. The destruction of the reactor near Baghdad by the Israeli air force merely delayed the danger of an atomic attack from the 1980s to the 1990s, but Iraq still has the scientists and the money to build new plants, he said.

## Cabinet secretary leaves Likud list

Post Knesset Correspondent

Two senior civil servants, who were candidates in party lists in the last elections but failed to enter the Knesset, have resigned from their lists. Knesset Speaker Menahem Sagdor announced yesterday.

The two are Dan Meridor, recently appointed cabinet secretary who was on the Likud list and Ya'acov Gadish, head of the

Treasury and a division, who was on the National Religious Party list.

When Meridor and Gadish stood for the Knesset, they were not civil servants, hence there was no conflict of interest. However, after joining the civil service, their continued presence on the party lists still qualified them to enter the Knesset if a sufficient number of MKs either died or resigned.

## Courthouse workers walk out, threaten full strike

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Workers at the Tel Aviv courthouse suddenly walked off their jobs yesterday when they learned that Deputy Director of Courts Arie Hager, together with the chief clerks of the country's courts, had arrived in the building. Hager and his party apparently intended to discuss sanctions against the workers, who have been staging a go-slow since Sunday.

The chairman of the works committee, Shmuel Levi, said that "Mr. Hager isn't wanted here. He's plotting against us — that's why we

decided to go home."

The spokesman for the Courts Administration, Roni Bodak, said that the State Attorney's Office had decided to file a complaint with the labour court against the works committee. But "in view of the walk-out, we will now consider further steps provided for under the law."

The works committee says that it plans to continue its go-slow until the end of the week. If by then there is no progress regarding their demands for a bonus, they threaten to intensify their strike, and perhaps close the courts down entirely.

## Israeli robbed of \$750,000 in gems in U.S.

DALLAS, Texas (AP). — An Israeli diamond dealer was robbed of about \$750,000 in diamonds and \$31,000 in cash as he left his motel room on Monday, police said.

A gunman confronted 62-year-old Zvi Nevo as he left the motel about 7 a.m. for a meeting with a client. The gunman forced Nevo to return to his room, handcuffed him to the bed and left with a briefcase containing the money and jewels.

"It was a professional job and well planned," a police investigator said. "He (Nevo) alleges there was no one in town who knew where he was staying, yet this guy knew his name, where he was staying and

what he had without looking in the briefcase."

Nevo is a partner in Vanzo Diamonds of Tel Aviv. One of his Dallas clients described him as a "big dealer" who has an excellent reputation across the U.S.

## Deported Swedish girl was not HU student

Maria Helena Axelsson-Fisk, 17, who was deported to Sweden this week following the throwing of a firebomb at IDF soldiers at Bir Zeit University, was never registered as a student at the Hebrew University, as reported on Sunday, the university spokesman said yesterday.

## PLO aids Salvador rebels

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The PLO has helped arm, train and finance Salvadoran rebels, and Israel fears the guerrillas may repay this aid by attacking Jewish and Israeli targets in Latin America.

This transpired from a background paper which the IDF spokesman released earlier this week. Titled *Cooperation between the Terrorist Organizations in Salvador and the PLO*, the paper may have been issued to rebut criticism of Israeli arms exports to that country's army, which — according to the Stockholm Peace Research Institute — is one of the three biggest importers of Israeli arms.

The IDF paper says a rebel attack on the Israeli Embassy in San Salvador on December 11, 1979, was "a gesture towards the Palestinian organizations."

"Clearly in return for increasing cooperation between the terror organizations in Salvador and the Palestinian terror organizations, the Palestinian organizations may launch additional attacks against Israel or Jewish targets, particularly in Latin America," the IDF paper says.

According to the paper, the Fatah sent light arms and mortars to the rebels through Cuba, in 1980. The contacts with the PLO are said to date back at least a year earlier than that. Salvadorans were among the 1,500 foreigners trained in terrorist camps in Lebanon. The Fatah organization has taken an especially prominent role in this programme and George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine also joined in. PLO men were in Latin America training Salvadoran rebels, the paper said, but no details were released — possibly in order not to reveal more sensitive intelligence data.

Last March Salvadoran rebel leader Caltago Carpio visited Lebanon and signed an agreement with PLO leader Yasser Arafat whereby the PLO will supply arms and military instruction, the paper reports.



At the dedication of the Earl Mountbatten forest near Migdal Ha'emek yesterday, Countess Mountbatten plants a tree in memory of her late father. The ceremony was attended by 1,000 guests, including the ambassadors of Britain and Australia. Money for the forest was collected by the British branch of the Jewish National Fund. (Camera 2)

## Hollywood gets the picture on immigrants in Jerusalem

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Have you ever heard of the Stanislawski method?" actor Walter Matthau asked an 18-year-old new immigrant from the Soviet Union during a tour of the Mevasseret Zion absorption centre outside Jerusalem yesterday.

Despite the occasional jokes, the chat between Hollywood stars and filmmakers brought here by the United Jewish Appeal and new immigrants was very serious.

The Americans, many of them the children or grandchildren of immigrants to the U.S., were equally interested in meeting Soviet immigrants and those who had left comfortable homes and successful careers in the West to start again and settle in Israel.

"There's no other place to be a Jew," insisted Meir, a former supermarket developer from Miami Beach who is still looking for a job nine months after coming on aliya. "I believe there's no future for Jewish communities in the long run outside Israel," he added, praising the absorption centre's facilities.

The group, which included 20th Century Fox president Sherry Lansing, actor Jack Lemmon, TV star Monty Hall and *On Golden Pond* director Mark Rydell, questioned the dozen selected immigrants from among the 700 living at the centre.

When a Welsh lawyer spoke of anti-Semitic incidents in his hometown, Walter Matthau (original family name Motelschansky) observed: "Whenever things are bad economically, there's a resurgence of anti-Semitism."

Yuri, a scientist from the Soviet Union, thanked the group for their efforts on behalf of the UJA and for Soviet Jewry, and asked them to spread the word when they return to the U.S. that "Jews are being culturally annihilated as a nation in Russia."

Matthau kissed the children, and Lansing kissed Ilana Fridman, sister of *refusenik* and former Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel, who came from Holon to talk about the struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Earlier in the day, the group toured Jerusalem with Mayor Teddy Kollek and visited the Knesset.

## Israelis want to adopt only babies

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There are seven potential adoptive families for every infant under age two available for adoption in Israel, Aviva Leon, chief adoption officer and director of the children's service at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, told reporters here yesterday.

Speaking at a preview of an international conference on adoption which is to open in Eilat on Sunday, Leon said Israel is one of the few western countries where there are still babies available for adoption at all. In other countries, children as old as 17 are being adopted.

"The oldest we've given for adoption have been 12-year-olds, but it's very hard to find families to take older children, because the average Israeli family wants to adopt a baby," she said.

One of the issues she hopes will be discussed at length at the conference is how to change society's

attitudes toward mothers who give their children up for adoption. "Mothers who give up their children for adoption feel they must hide; whereas, if they can't care for the child, they're really being good parents by letting the child grow up in another family which can care for him or her."

Professor David Serr, a gynecologist, spoke about the need for greater cooperation between the different disciplines which deal in one way or another with adoption: gynecologists, pediatricians, social workers, sociologists, judges and educators.

Another topic is the possibility for adoptions across national boundaries, bringing children from countries in which there are more than enough children to countries where there are too few.

About 100 papers are to be presented at the conference, which is to run from May 9 through the 14th.

## Haifa firefighters begin full strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa region fire brigade, which has been on partial strike since March 15, is now going out on full strike.

The brigade commander has recommended the laying up of all fire engines and rescue equipment next Sunday, saying they are no longer in working condition following weeks of improper maintenance.

Following his report, the brigade management, which represents Haifa and 12 neighbouring local councils, decided to resign yesterday.

The firemen are striking for the same Saturday and holiday pay earned by their colleagues in Jerusalem. Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan. The management contends the justice of their demand, but says the Interior Ministry will not allow them to pay it.

## Payis turns 30, sets new projects

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

To celebrate its 30th year Mifal Hapayis will build multi-purpose community centres in 30 towns and cities, each costing \$15 million.

This was announced yesterday in Jerusalem by Payis chairman Gideon Gadot, shortly after Payis personnel were received by President Yitzhak Navon at Beit Hanassi.

Gadot recalled that the first lottery ticket issued on August 20, 1951, cost one lira, while a ticket today costs 200 times more in nominal terms. Last year the income from the sale of tickets came to \$900m.

Income from the Payis lotteries over the years has financed the construction of 19,829 classrooms, 202 youth centres, 949 shelters, 207 ex-

ercise facilities, 64 hospitals and other health facilities, 65 clinics, 58 clubs for the aged, 46 workshops for apprentices, and 95 day-care centres.

The 30 towns and cities chosen for this 30th birthday gift are mainly older settlements such as Gedera, Afula, Herzliya and Rishon LeZion, many of which lack sufficient community centres, and were selected in conjunction with the Education Ministry.

APPOINTMENT. — Prof. Emanuel Mazor has been named as the first incumbent of the Frank W. Conscience Chair in Hydrological Research at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

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## 500 missing from Argentine ship

BUENOS AIRES — About 500 survivors from the torpedoed Argentine cruiser General Belgrano had been rescued by noon yesterday and a massive search operation in the South Atlantic was about to end, naval sources said.

The Foreign Ministry said there were 1,042 crew aboard the 43-year-old cruiser when it was torpedoed by a British submarine Sunday.

Argentina said in a letter to the UN Security Council made public yesterday that Britain's attack on its cruiser was a "totally unlawful and cruel operation."

It said the sinking of the warship outside the British maritime exclusion zone around the Falkland Islands seriously compounded the "enormity and gravity" of the action.

British Defence Minister John Nott said yesterday in London that the General Belgrano, Argentina's only cruiser, had to be attacked even though it was just outside the

200-nautical mile (371-kilometre) air and sea blockade imposed round the islands by Britain.

"Our first duty is to protect our own men," Nott told reporters in his first major public statement on the crisis since Britain recaptured South Georgia more than a week ago. "The General Belgrano was a threat to our men and therefore it was quite correct that it was attacked by our submarine," said Nott.

The Argentine military high command said the 500 survivors had been picked up since an Argentine naval plane first spotted life rafts from the sunken ship on Monday.

The weather in the search area, east of Tierra del Fuego and south of the disputed Falkland (Malvinas) Islands, was bad yesterday, the sources said. They were unable to say whether aircraft were taking part in the rescue operation.

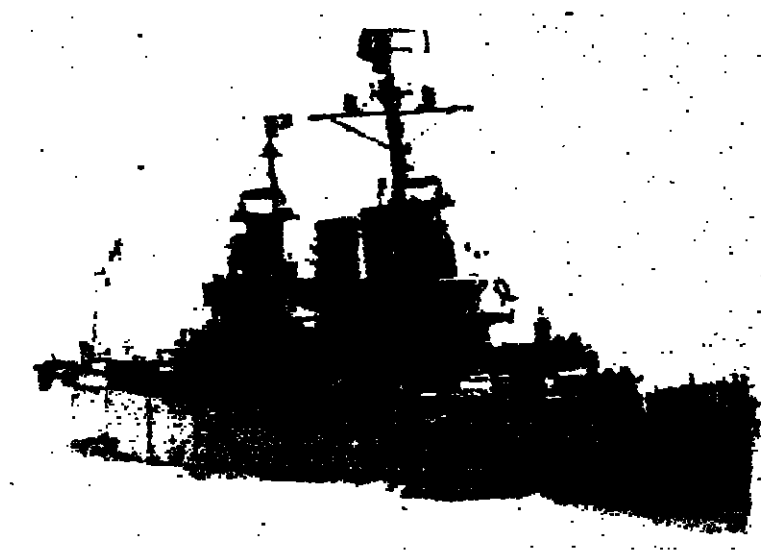
A Chilean Embassy spokesman said the Chilean oceanographic research vessel Piloto Pardo was on

its way to join the rescue operation, but the naval sources said no other foreign ships were known to be taking part.

The Buenos Aires Daily Clarion today quoted naval sources as saying that the General Belgrano had not sunk immediately after being torpedoed 36 nautical miles outside Britain's 200-mile blockade zone around the Falkland Islands. The sources said the 13,645-ton cruiser tried to limp back to port, but foundered in a heavy storm.

The sinking of the warship has hardened Argentina's stance in its conflict with Britain over ownership of the Falkland Islands, which Argentina seized on April 2. Shortly after the incident was made known, Argentina rejected the latest U.S. proposals for a peaceful settlement.

Posters appeared on the streets of Buenos Aires yesterday showing a tattered and bullet-riddled British flag with the slogan "Until death," written in black underneath. (Reuter, AP)



The Argentine cruiser Belgrano which was torpedoed and sunk by the British on Sunday. (UPI telephoto)

## NATO report claims West can fight back in Europe

BRUSSELS (Reuter) — The Warsaw Pact outguns NATO but North Atlantic alliance forces have the ability to make a credible defence of Western Europe, NATO sources announced yesterday.

The strength of the two sides is set out in NATO and the Warsaw Pact — Force Comparisons, the first comprehensive study of the balance that NATO has published.

It was introduced by NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns and Admiral Robert Falls, Chairman of the NATO military committee, at alliance headquarters.

The study shows that the Warsaw Pact has 42,500 main battle tanks in Europe compared with NATO's 13,000 and a large superiority in anti-tank guided weapon launchers, guns, armoured personnel carriers

and infantry fighting vehicles.

It adds however: "NATO forces are well trained and, given the full range of capabilities at their disposal, are capable of presenting a credible defence of alliance territory."

The figures did not include France, which is not part of NATO's military structure.

Turning to the regional balance, the study says that the Warsaw Pact has 104 divisions facing the northern and central regions of NATO. Over half could be operational within days of being mobilized.

In a war, NATO could count on about 42 divisions in these areas and they would have to hold out until U.S. and Canadian reinforcements arrived by sea.

## Modern wire-guided torpedo used to sink Argentine ship

LONDON (Reuter) — Britain's submarine attack on an Argentine cruiser in the South Atlantic was the first use in combat of a modern torpedo.

The main weapons of present-day hunter-killer submarines are steered most of the way to their targets by smoothly unwinding wire. They carry their own computers and acoustic homing devices for the final strike.

They are a far cry from the unguided, unpredictable and short-range underwater missiles of World War II.

Argentina said its cruiser, the 13,645-ton General Belgrano, sank after being torpedoed southwest of the Falkland Islands.

Britain reported the attack, saying the cruiser was hit by two torpedoes. The submarine was identified as the nuclear-powered Con-

queron, commissioned 11 years ago. The torpedoes were almost certainly Tigerfish, which can strike their targets from more than 30 kilometres away. Introduced about a decade ago, the 6.5-metre Tigerfish weigh 1.5 tons, cost £500,000 each and are the main weapon of British submarines.

The General Belgrano survived Japan's 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and served in the U.S. Navy through World War II before being sold to Argentina in 1951.

The authoritative London reference book, *Jane's Fighting Ships*, says that it usually carried a crew of 1,000 and was fitted with two quad launchers for the British SeaCat (surface-to-air) missiles and a magazine for about 70 missiles.

The unofficial Argentine news agency, Noticias Argentina, said in Buenos Aires that 700 men had been on board.

## WARSAW

(Continued from Page One) produced as well as other sanctions," the official news agency PAP said.

Interior Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak told a session of parliament that 1,372 people had been arrested across the country and 72 policemen were injured — 10 of them hospitalized — in the nationwide violence.

Kiszczak, addressing the final session of a regular two-day parliament meeting devoted to "national accord," said the most serious incidents had taken place in Warsaw, Gdansk — Solidarity's birthplace — Szczecin, Elblag, Torun, Krakow, Gliwice and Lublin.

PAP said less serious clashes took place in Lodz, Swidnik, Gdynia, Bydgoszcz and "other cities."

PAP confirmed travellers reports that demonstrators "took over a hotel and put it to the torch" in Szczecin, injuring a number of policemen. PAP said firemen were pelted with rocks and forced to pull away when trying to put out another deliberately set fire there.

PAP said there were reports of demonstrators fighting firemen from other cities, including Gdansk — where witnesses said rioters siphoned gasoline to make Molotov cocktails and at least one shop was reported destroyed by fire.

In Warsaw, Gdansk, Szczecin and other cities, travellers and official reports said demonstrators ripped up paving stones and commandeered benches and waste bins to build barricades from behind which they hurled rocks at police who countered with fire and water cannon.

"In the vast majority of cases it was young people who took part in the demonstrations, especially high school students," Kiszczak said — explaining the double curfew imposed.

Both Kiszczak and the official PAP report obliquely criticized the Roman Catholic Church for giving tacit support to the demonstrators. Many of the demonstrations began with special masses.

## China reshuffles again to whittle down bureaucracy

PEKING (Reuter) — China took further steps to trim its top-heavy bureaucracy with a government reshuffle yesterday which removed all but two of the 13 vice-premiers and named many new ministers.

Only the pragmatic Wan Li, 66, and Yao Yilin, 65, retained their posts as deputies to Premier Zhao Ziyang, according to an announcement by the New China news agency.

The long-awaited changes were part of Zhao's master plan to streamline China's 20-million-strong bureaucracy which he has criticized for being inefficient and overburdened with elderly officials

unfamiliar with modern technology.

Both Wan Li and Yao Yilin are close allies of the powerful Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping, who is determined to reduce remaining Maoist influence by placing his own supporters in key positions.

The news agency said the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, had also named nine former vice-premiers as state councillors or members of a newly-created inner cabinet, the precise function of which is unclear.

Yesterday's reshuffle follows a trimming of the bureaucracy in March.

## New theory about dinosaurs' death

LONDON (UPI) — Scientists studying the breeding habits of alligators in the Louisiana swamps believe their research may have provided a clue to the death of the dinosaurs.

In the current issue of the scientific magazine, *Nature*, Ted Joenen of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, and Mark Ferguson of Queen's University in Belfast report that the sex of the alligators is determined by the temperature during incubation.

Eggs incubated at about 34° centigrade develop into females. All those incubated at about 34° centigrade develop into males. But eggs incubated at below 26° centigrade or above 36° centigrade die.

The researchers commented that if dinosaurs also used temperature sex determination "then this may explain the selective extinction of these groups in response to a relatively sudden, continuous change in climate to one that is either hotter or colder."

## Kidnapped writer turns up safe

PARIS (UPI) — Wealthy socialist and radical author Jean-Edern Hallier resurfaced yesterday in a bizarre end to what he called eight nightmarish days in the hands of terrorists.

A motorist on the outskirts of Paris spotted the bearded 46-year-old Hallier. Wearing a red robe and flowing white scarf, the writer was gesturing wildly in the middle of the road.

"It was a nightmare," he told police officers.

Hallier said that after dining April 25 at a restaurant on the Left Bank of Paris, he was abducted by three men who threw a blanket over his head and forced him into a waiting car.

The group, calling itself the French Revolutionary Brigades, sent a letter three days later bearing Hallier's signature and a series of demands that appeared calculated to infuriate the Socialist government of President Francois Mitterrand.

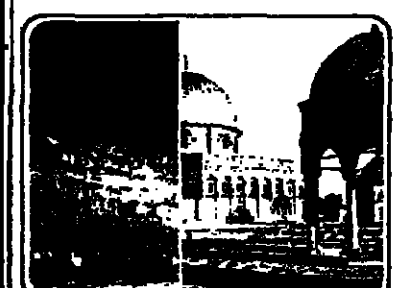
The government never seriously considered the demands. Police said they had opened an inquiry into the circumstances of Hallier's disappearance, including the possibility that the author engineered his own abduction.

NUCLEAR-FREE — Rumanian President George Bush starts a visit in Athens to discuss the creation of a nuclear-free zone in the Balkans.

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9.40 Programme for Kindergarten

10.10 English 6.10.25 Literature for

Elementary School 10.45 Science 5.6

11.05 Math/Geometry 5.11.20 English 6

11.40 Literature 7.9.12.00 Geography 5.6

12.30 English 9.13.00 Science 9.12.13.35

English 9.15.00 Programme for

Kindergarten, English 7. French

(repeated) 16.00 Pretty Butterfly 16.30

Evening's University: Social Psychology;

Art in the Age of Technology

17.30 Somersaults — live weekly discus-

sion and entertainment magazine

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes

18.30 News roundup

18.32 The Rovers

19.00 Agricultural Magazine

19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at

20.00 with a news roundup

20.30 The Love Boat

20.50 Beauty Spot — sights in Israel

21.00 Mahat Newsreel

21.30 Moked — weekly interview hour

22.05 The Cincinnati Kid. Norman

### ON THE AIR

First Programme

6.11 Musical Clock

7.07 (repeats) Morning Music (no details

available)

8.05 (repeats) Morning Concert (no details

available)

12.05 Midday Break — with Moshe Timor

12.30 Hebrew songs

12.50 Midday — music, news commentary

14.10 in a Minor Tune — with Elad

Moshe

16.10 Football — two semi-final matches

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Hapoel Yehud) live from the Ramat Gan

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Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics

6.22 Agricultural Broadcasts

6.40 Editorial Review

6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner

7.00 This Morning — news magazine

7.10 All Shades of the Network — morn-

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19.00 Today — people and events in the

news

20.05 Bible Reading — Psalms 31:1-12

20.15 Sephardi songs — recordings of a

live performance

21.05 Jazz Corner

22.05 Questions and Answers on Halakic

musical

23.05 Good Evening Jerusalem

Aray

6.10 Morning Sounds

6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Shmuel

Samburky lectures on the First

Philosophers

7.07 "707" — Alex Ansky reviews the

morning papers

8.05 IDF Morning Newsreel

9.05 Right Now with Yitzhak Ben-Ner

11.05 Golden Oldies

12.05 Israeli Spring — with Eli Yarnell

14.05 Two Hours — music, anecdotes, in-

terviews and reviews

16.05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew

songs

17.05 IDF Evening Newsreel

18.05 Have a Good Time — culture and

entertainment magazine

19.05 Music magazine

20.05 Foreign Language Hit Parade

21.00 Mahat Newsreel

21.30 University on the Air (repeat)

22.05 Classical Evening Birds

23.05 Army and Defence Magazine

(repeat)

00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Eli

Moshe

## Muskie to head Nestle panel

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Nestle, the Swiss-based food company, has named former U.S. secretary of state Edmund Muskie to head a seven-member commission it has formed to examine complaints about the firm's marketing of infant food.

In the past five years, its marketing practices in developing countries have come under fire from consumer groups and clergymen, who alleged the company wrongly encouraged new mothers to substitute infant food for breast-feeding.

As a result of the controversy, the World Health Organization (WHO) last year adopted a code on marketing breast-milk substitutes, which Nestle has agreed to support.

The Reagan administration alone opposed the code, arguing that if implemented in the U.S. it would conflict with constitutional guarantees of free speech and anti-trust (anti-monopoly) laws.

During Muskie's tenure as secretary of state in the Carter administration, he had urged that the U.S. should sign the code.

## IRA attack kills one policeman, hurts another

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP) — Two hooded gunmen killed a policeman and seriously wounded a woman officer yesterday in an ambush that sent shoppers fleeing for cover in a Londonderry market area, police reported.

The gunmen, waiting in a hijacked bread delivery truck, shot the two officers at close range with automatic weapons.

A witness said: "One of the gunmen stood over the body of the policeman on the ground and fired five or six times into him. He blew his head off."

The gunman fled in the truck. No group claimed responsibility for the shootings, but police sources blamed the Irish Republican Army.

## First Soviet climbers reach top of Everest

KATMANDU (Reuter) — Two Soviet climbers have reached the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, Nepal's Tourism Ministry announced.

A message received by the ministry from the base camp of the Soviet expedition said that Vladimir Balyardin, 33, of Leningrad, and Eduard Myslovsky, 45, of Moscow reached the top of the 8,848-metre mountain yesterday afternoon and stayed there for 30 minutes



# PLEASING TREATMENT

A DOCTOR'S NOTEBOOK/David Samson

VOLTAIRE once described medical treatment as the art of pouring drugs of which one knew nothing into a patient about whom one knew even less.

Certainly in his day, there were almost no drugs of significant therapeutic value. Any benefit the patient might have experienced would have been due to the so-called placebo effect, that is, one due to factors other than a specific pharmacological action. Traditionally, placebo medicines were those used to pacify or please patients without actually benefiting them. The word "placebo" is Latin for "I will please."

Even a famous medical textbook at the beginning of the present century still found it necessary to caution its doctor-readers that "patients are more often harmed than helped by the promiscuous habit of drugging."

Despite such criticisms down through the ages, as patients we have always wanted and still invariably want and expect to be prescribed medicines when we believe we are ill. Indeed, this seems to be a major characteristic that differentiates us from the lower animals.

Pharmacological progress, however, has made giant strides, if not leaps, in the short time since that textbook was written. For example, about half the prescriptions doctors write today are for drugs that didn't exist a decade or so ago. On the debit side, it shouldn't be forgotten that there has also been a sharp increase in the morbidity from drug-induced disease.

All the same, it seems likely that the doctor himself is still the most important therapeutic agent or drug available today; we are probably just as susceptible to persuasion and



(David Rubinger)

suggestion as people were in the days of Hippocrates. In all the writings of that famous healer, there isn't even one treatment of objective pharmacological value. It seems he relied on his own personality and charisma to bring about his famous healing deeds.

NOW, as then, it is realized that many drugs can relieve symptoms by their placebo effect, and improvement can often be measured directly, for example, by a reduction in blood pressure or in the pulse rate. As many as a third of patients with symptoms such as pain or cough will respond to placebo medication, and an even larger number of patients with psychological upsets such as anxiety or insomnia.

Not that doctors make a regular habit of prescribing purely placebo drugs. Rather patients benefit from a built-in placebo effect of drugs that have proven therapeutic action. Further, prescribing certain drugs can often imbue the doctor himself with great belief in their

healing powers. Such a conviction transmitted to the patient can often contribute significantly to the drug's ultimate success. There is, of course, nothing deprecatory in alleviating suffering in this way; one art in medicine depends on achieving the maximum response to the placebo effect.

Variations in placebo response are common, the results often depending on such seemingly unimportant factors as the size or colour of the tablet concerned, or the chosen route of administration. Blue is more sedative than pink, and green tablets are better for anxiety than red or yellow ones. Two tablets produce more pronounced effects than one, even though the dose is identical in both cases. Placebos may also cause side-effects.

PURELY placebo medicines have an important and scientific role in the design and performance of drug trials aimed at determining the true pharmacological effect of a drug, as opposed to its placebo effect alone. This is the so-called "double-blind"

type of trial, which requires the use of a placebo identical in all respects, including colour and shape, to the actual drug under investigation.

Either the placebo or the real drug is allocated in random fashion to the patients participating in the test. Neither patient nor doctor knows which is which. The effects (or side-effects) are noted. Only at the end of the trial is a code broken so that the benefits can be correctly attributed to the drug or the placebo.

Such methods are essential for confirming or denying the claims made for the new drugs constantly appearing on the market. Obviously a drug claimed, say, to relieve headaches for up to 50 per cent of those taking it would have to be evaluated properly in this way to see if it really did have any advantage over a similarly packaged placebo.

Doctors on occasion purposely use placebos to give hope to patients with an incurable condition. No drug, however, can compare with a sympathetic ear for a distraught patient who desperately needs to air a pressing worry or concern. True, providing a sympathetic ear is far more time-consuming than merely prescribing a tranquilizer. We know in family practice that the number of prescriptions issued goes up in inverse proportion to the time the doctor takes in examining and listening to his patients.

In my own work, I try never to mislead patients intentionally about the expected therapeutic action or consequence of a drug I may be prescribing. However, if they should benefit additionally from any accompanying placebo effect, then that's all to the good. Not only will "they be pleased," by that but naturally "I will be pleased," too.

## Kosher hams

By ABE KRAMER / Special to The Jerusalem Post



Alon Tavor at his transceiver (transmitter-receiver) in Moshav Shores. (Vivian Kramer)

first-name basis, but it's usually left at that.

The guiding spirit behind the Shoresh centre, Alon Tavor, became a ham at the age of 10 in his native Uxbridge, near London. Alon, 42, has a fully equipped ham station of his own in a special addition to his home at the moshav. "Every moment of every day and night, someone can be contacted," he notes, and he has made literally thousands of acquaintances via the air waves. "You form many real friendships and it's a great moment when we meet for the first time in person at occasions like this or individually."

Alon is a husky, affable, young 38 with a ready smile and a hearty laugh. He also has a certified 100 per cent military disability. While on militia in the Sinai in 1975, he stepped on a mine buried in the sand — "a missile, not a mine, but it acted like a mine and exploded," he relates.

He lost an eye and a leg, and his

other leg was badly injured. His radio hobby, he says, was an inestimable boon in helping to see him through the terrible trauma and the ordeal of recovery and rehabilitation.

Tavor has brought his hobby to the aid of the children at the Alon Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped Children in Jerusalem, where he works twice a week. With donated equipment, he has begun a ham club and teaches the children how to contact the world via the radio waves. Several of them are in the process now of taking exams for their amateur operator licenses.

THE GATHERING at Shoresh illustrated that radio hams come from all walks of life — "people of all kinds and all ages, from youngsters to oldsters like me," Joe Marney, commented. Joe, 52, now retired, was an electronics industry sales representative. British-born, he lived in Rochester, N.Y., until coming to Israel four years ago. He now lives in Netanya.

A technical mind is not necessarily a must for a ham. Joe Marney says, just the desire to communicate. But it is apparent that hams inevitably acquire expertise in radio technology, as well as fascinating experiences.

Israel's No. 1 ham, for example, Ozzie Osrin, or 4X4CW, learned radio in the South African Air Force communications corps in World War II. He came to Israel as a volunteer, five days before the state was proclaimed, and served in communications for the fledgling Israel Air Force in the War of Independence. Eventually he settled here and runs a rug-cleaning business in Kfar Shmaryahu.

THE NEWEST Israeli ham at the dedication at Shoresh was Joe Kasser, G3ZCZ, an immigrant of only eight months, who is still living at the Mevasseret Zion absorption centre with his wife and three small children. He is an electronics engineer and computer expert, also originally from England, who worked for 10 years in the U.S. space programme, designing computer components for the Apollo spacecraft. The author of two books on computers, he now has a job with the Luz Electronics Company of Jerusalem.

Among the visitors from abroad at the Shoresh dedication was Joe Bonnett of Dallas, W5III, a tile contractor, who like Osrin and Marney is a veteran ham of over 25 years, and who has set a number of records in the field and received many public service awards.

Also present was Ron Ronen, who is regarded by his colleagues as the most colourful of them all. Ron's work as an operator of telecommunication installations has taken him all over the world, from the Falkland Islands to Singapore, from New Guinea to New Jersey, and practically everywhere in between.

His call signs are too numerous to list. For he practices his hobby wherever he is assigned, usually spending years in each location; but — attention all hams — his call sign in his native Britain, where he now lives, is G4GKO, add 4X when he is in Israel, where he and his wife come often to visit with their children and grandchildren.



Dr. Yisrael Kastner with his wife and daughter.

## Bizarre murder case

By JUDY SIEGEL/Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHILE the government and public figures are preoccupied with the murder of Haim Arlosoroff (1933) and Ya'acov De Hahn (1924), Israel TV has undertaken to investigate the bizarre murder 25 years ago of Dr. Yisrael Kastner.

The first half of the two-part programme will be broadcast tomorrow at 9.30 p.m., and the second on Thursday of next week. Directed and written by Yehuda Kaveh and produced by Maya Dockler, the documentary is a gripping production that deals with life-and-death decisions during the Nazi era.

According to the Broadcasting Authority, the film was first discussed over a year ago, before Prime Minister Menachem Begin exhorted the Arlosoroff controversy. The producer and his staff interviewed many persons in order to assess the truths and fictions about the Kastner affair.

His story began in the offices of the S.S. in Budapest and ended over

a decade later, when Kastner was shot to death on the street in Tel Aviv.

In March, 1944, the Nazis invaded Hungary, despite pessimism about how the war was going. Some 800,000 Jews in the country were immediately endangered by the plot of Adolf Eichmann. Kastner headed a small underground movement to save European Jews that made deals with S.S. officers to trade them for money.

By 1952, Kastner had become spokesman of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and a Mapai candidate for the Knesset. That fell through when Malchiel Greenwald, an old Jerusalemite, accused Kastner of cooperating with the Nazis and assisting in the destruction of Jews.

The attorney general at that time (and now retired justice of the Supreme Court) Haim Cohn decided to launch a libel case against Greenwald to clear Kastner's name. On the other side, representing Greenwald was young

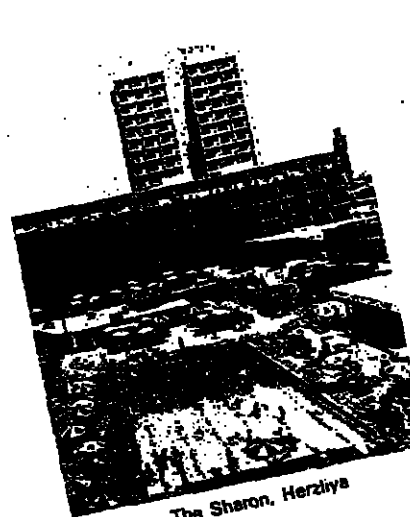
lawyer (and later justice minister) Shmuel Tamir. Both jurists appear in the documentary, still convince and convincing as they explain the roles in the affair.

Other participants are Emmanuel Pratt, who was a journalist for *Haolam Hazeh* during the trial, an Yosef Lapid, the Broadcasting Authority director-general who was a boy in the Budapest ghetto and later a journalist at *Uj Kelet* in Tel Aviv along with Kastner.

The first film, called *Ransom*, covers the libel trial in the Jerusalem District Court, an analyses the dilemma facing Kastner — saving Jews by negotiating with their murderers. The second film, *Verdict*, begins with the verdict of Judge Binyami Halevi, who found Kastner guilty of cooperating with the Nazis in the death of Hungarian Jews. It continues with the campaign against him, his degradation and murder and the posthumous clearing of his name by the Supreme Court.

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- 9.00 p.m. — Piccolo Teatro di Pontedera (Italy). *Un Po' per Non Morire*. Neve Tzedek.

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ISRAEL SINFONETTA, Laszlo Heltay, conducting; with Michael Boguslavsky, piano (Jerusalem YAMCA Auditorium, May 2). Mozart: *Serenata Notturna*, K. 239; Joseph Dornay: *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra* (premiere); Kodaly: "Summer Evening"; Schubert: *Symphony No. 1*.

THERE WERE calls of "bravo" and prolonged applause after the premiere of Dornay's Piano Concerto, but also many bewildered faces and shaking heads in the audience. I belonged to the second group.

Michael Boguslavsky is a pianist of excellent digital and musical abilities, and his identification with his part was total — indeed, the concerto was written for him. In a lengthy and involved explanation in the programme, the composer attempted to prove that this work is a unique combination of a Baroque *sonata da chiesa*, replete with the wonders of Dornay's counterpoint, inspired by his father's home *niggunim*, and the *hasanot* of the synagogues of Odessa. This did not help one much to survive the very Scriabin-like ramblings on, over and inside the keyboard — in-

cluding forearm-clusters, apparently the latest trend to reach Israel's shores. Of course, if one wants to be contemporary, anything goes. The lack of musical values can easily be covered up by a lot of noise. Thus the orchestra was fully exploited — an industrious and excellent timpanist was kept busy, and Boguslavsky did not spare the grand piano's decibel capacity. The result: a grand show about very little — and Gerald Hoffnung's "Concerto to end all Concertos" is still the best so far!

I have to register respect for the conductor's and the orchestra's utter devotion to their thankless task, and for the composer for writing a giant of a programme note.

The opening *Serenata Notturna* sounded pretty rough, and, after the shattering experience of the Dornay-Scriabinovich Concerto, I went home to listen to the second part of the programme via the radio. It sounded lively and satisfying enough to point out Laszlo Heltay's ability as a conductor and the Sinfonietta's usual reliability.



**PORNOGRAPHY** — in its various written forms — is something people like to talk about but emphatically deny buying. But whether or not people actually do buy the so-called "men's entertainment" literature, research shows that one doesn't need to purchase pornography in order to be affected by it.

Specifically, there is a body of research emerging which shows a link between pornography and rape, revealing that the rape victim, her family and friends do not have to be "consumers" of pornography (in any form) to suffer its effects. In addition, several pornographic and rape-related themes are evident in supposedly non-pornographic magazines and films shown in Israel.

Evidence suggests that the relationship between pornography and rape can be looked at from two different, yet complementary angles. Firstly, there is the single rape case study which is according to Dr. John Court, a major researcher in this area, "an increasingly fruitful source of information."

Some of the more notorious cases examined include the Moors Murderers, the Yorkshire Ripper and the Cambridge Rapist — all of whom were found to have large quantities of pornography in their homes.

In America, John Albert Johnson was charged with kidnapping, sexually assaulting and murdering eight-year-old Melissa Hinkle. Police said that Johnson had in his possession magazines portraying nude children. Numerous cases are on record which are similar, for instance, to the one of the 12-year-old boy caught sexually experimenting with two six-year-old girls, the pages of a pornographic magazine on the scene opened to photographs depicting sexual activity among adults.

Such single case study examples are never adding. As Dr. Judith Bat-Ada, director of The Institute for the Study of Media and the Family explains, "Extensive interviews with the police confirm the fact that in a large proportion of sex crimes, pornography is clearly implicated."

While individual cases are useful, they cannot prove per se that pornography is the actual cause of the crime. Critics point out that such cases might have occurred anyway, and that pornography merely provided an idea of a particular way to carry out a sex crime. What we can say, though, is that the case study taken together with an examination of sex-crime statistics provides more valuable evidence.

"If the effects of pornography are merely to influence the nature of something that would have occurred anyway, then there would be no overall growth in sex crimes. If, however, some individuals are triggered to respond who otherwise would have let the impulse lie dormant or under control, the sex crime figure will rise," says Court.

A brief glance at the rape statistics does indeed show a marked global increase in the crime, with the areas that have a high level of pornography showing the greatest increase. For example, in America, each state can be classified as either "high pornography" or "low pornography." For instance, on the high pornography end of the scale is California, which shows a 10.3 per cent annual increase in rape. On the low pornography end of the scale is North Dakota, which shows only a 1.1 per cent annual increase in rape.

The increase in rape statistics is often explained away by the argument that more women are reporting rape. While this seems plausible, we have no evidence proving that women do indeed feel more comfortable about reporting rape. In fact, evidence sug-

# Pornography: we are all victims

The pornographic theme of woman as 'willing victim' is becoming fashionable in Israel's mass media, charges Gail Dines-Levy. The old argument that pornography is 'all right' because it does not harm anyone is unacceptable in the face of new research; it has the power to affect everyone.



Barely disguised violence: rape scene from a *Monitin* fashion pictorial (above, left); advertisement for perfume (right).



gests that women are going to rape crisis centres instead of reporting rape to the police. Also, this increase-in-reporting argument does not explain the significant fact that in areas where pornography has been restricted, the number of rapes actually decreased.

After examining all the evidence, Dr. Court has come to the conclusion that sexual assaults are increasing and that this increase is in part due to the themes promoted in pornography. Bat-Ada explains.

"Pornography is a complex issue with many themes running through. However, one of the major themes can be said to be that not only do women deserve to be sexual victims, but that they actually enjoy it. Rape is depicted as pleasurable for all parties concerned."

WHILE I HAVE not read any pornographic magazines recently, I have certainly been exposed to this theme of the woman as a "willing victim" in other sources. For example, I went to see the Israeli film *The Victim* which caused a stir for reasons other than the scene which showed a woman enjoying the act of rape. Of course the woman struggled, but it appeared that she was so overcome with passion that she could only react by moving in the next day with the rapist.

A somewhat less "aesthetic" rape scene which I had the misfortune to see was in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*. Here the woman was brutally raped. Her head was smashed against a wall with such force that the result should have been a concussion, not the multiple orgasms that were written into the script. Again, this victim obviously "enjoyed it," for the rape marked the beginning of her affair with the rapist.

While we know that few rape victims in real life actually have an affair with their rapist, Hollywood seems quite persistent in its portrayal of rape as an act enjoyed by the victim. The character portrayed by Susan George was in no way traumatized by being gang-

raped in *Straw Dogs*; she even managed to achieve the biologically impossible — orgasm via anal penetration.

The three films just mentioned are examples of numerous ones which, provide us with a phenomenon which in itself, is more of a cause for worry than the effects of pornography magazines. While these magazines are read by only a minority of Israelis, the pornographic themes that find expression in the mass media affect a much higher proportion of the population.

Whereas pornographic magazines can be avoided, we cannot as easily avoid the pornographic themes depicted at our local cinemas or even those found in our own homes, in the major Israeli magazines.

Bat-Ada calls this the "filtering down process," whereby messages and concepts that are first disseminated in pornographic magazines eventually find their way into the mass media.

"Considering that a significant segment of pornography readers work for the mass media, and that magazines such as *Playboy* and *Penthouse* are considered 'fashionable chic', it is little wonder that media people, striving to be fashionable, often incorporate pornographic themes into their work."

An example of this is *Monitin*, Israel's popular, glossy magazine, where the images of women are amongst some of the most brutal I have ever seen. Each month the reader is "entertained" with photos of women looking as if they're being raped, beaten, mutilated or simply demeaned. Specifically, one of the less horrifying images found in the magazine's pages was a photo which showed that chaining a woman to a shower can be an erotic pastime.

THE WORK of Gerard, one of *Monitin*'s major "fashion" photographers, would not have been out of place in the art department of the Third Reich. Gerard was responsible for the

famous "Holocaust" issue where frightened-looking models were posed next to cattle cars, ovens and "showers."

The Institute for the Study of Media and the Family showed this series of pictures to 385 people and asked them what they saw. Sixty-three per cent immediately said "the Holocaust." After studying the pictures for some time, another 21 per cent said "the Holocaust." It is worth pointing out here that the female models were depicted as victims of Nazi brutality, with a male as the victimizer. It would seem that in *Monitin*'s "eyes," women have replaced Jews as some sort of "legitimate victim."

Another "fashion" sequence created by Gerard can only be described as a rape-murder scene. The first picture shows three women (again with terrified looks on their faces) being chased by a gang of motorcyclists, the following picture tells us that they have been caught, and the final one leads us to think that they have been raped and murdered.

Two other major Israeli magazines, *L'isha* and *At* are similarly consistent in their depiction of women as victims. A recent cover from *L'isha* showed a provocatively clad female who apparently had been raped, judging by the broken objects on the floor and other signs of a struggle. The victim, however, did not look as if she had really suffered; instead she was posed rather sensuously.

I need not point out that the last time pictures of Jewish women being raped and murdered were mass distributed was in Nazi Germany. Social historians tell us that one of the results of this propaganda was that the German people became desensitized to the suffering of Jews. According to Bat-Ada, "Repeated themes of cruelty against women will likewise, over time, turn the Israeli woman into a 'legitimate victim.'"

Studies by Neil Malamuth at the University of Manitoba in Canada have shown that

repeated depictions of violence against women do desensitize viewers to the very real suffering of the victim.

We know that one of the first steps in committing any violent act is the desensitization of the potential victimizer. An excellent example of this process was in the training of selected American soldiers before they went to Vietnam: They were repeatedly shown violent war scenes in order to prepare them for the acts which they would have to commit in the field.

Are these media images of women having an effect in Israel? According to a spokesperson from the Rape Crisis Center in Tel Aviv, "The increase in the number of rapes in Israel is testimony to the fact that Israeli women are more and more being seen as legitimate rape victims." The incidence of reported forcible rape in Israel is now 36 per cent higher than nine years ago.

WHAT IS surprising is that people often don't make the connection between pornographic themes as seen in the media and rape. The fact that the media can affect people's thoughts and actions has been known for some time. Much literature has been written on how people look to the media to see what constitutes socially acceptable and fashionable behaviour. Even more has been written on how people will copy behaviour which they see as fashionable.

A visit to the local cinema or a glance at any of the major Israeli "slick" magazines leads one to the conclusion that the pornographic theme of (the Israeli) woman as a willing victim is in very real danger of becoming "fashionable" here.

To end, I would like to point to another pornographic theme which is also manifest in the media in Israel today. I am talking about the theme of the child as a sex object. Child pornography is a growing international business, and on May 12, 1981 it was given a real boost by The New York Court of Appeals which has legalized the use of children in pornography. The "filtering down" of this theme has been both quick and pervasive. Films such as *Pretty Baby*, *Little Darlings*, *Blue Lagoon*, *Circle of Two*, and *Endless Love* tell us that not only are young girls capable of sex, but they are also desirous of it.

Israeli magazines have also jumped on this bandwagon with "fashion" layouts and adverts which incorporate "sexy" children.

The effects of this pornographic theme are potentially horrendous. As early as 1976, the University of California (Los Angeles) medical school issued a report stating that the age of sex victims had declined and that children as young as 13 months of age have been seen infected by "their fathers, their brothers, their uncles or boyfriends of the mother with oral-venereal disease."

Here in Israel, the Rape Crisis Center has reported that the age of rape victims is getting lower, according to a spokesperson there: "This is a new thing in Israel; just recently we had an 11-year-old here."

The old argument that pornography is all right because it does not harm anyone is unacceptable in the face of new research. Pornography and its themes have the power to affect every single one of us. It is, therefore, an issue which concerns us all. A society which refuses to address itself to the dangers of pornography is, to borrow a phrase by Solzhenitsyn, "a society hardly worthy of its people."

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## This Month at SHEKEM

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Everyone buying a Siemens TV set (any type) will receive a Siemens clock radio, gift of Tadiran.  
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Also to be drawn for:  
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5 video recorders  
10 RC-76 National clock radios  
10 R-223 National transistor radios

The T.V.S. sale gives you an unusual opportunity to buy another (colour) TV set or a video receiver (an appliance now such a hit in Israel) at unprecedented terms. All Israeli suppliers of electronic equipment are participating in Shekem's T.V.S. sale.

MOST WOMEN have good reason to fear rape. The psychological and social consequences of this violent crime are very great.

I am not a psychologist, criminologist or an expert on "pornographic" writing, photographs and other such material. As a historian, however, with professional experience in Israel, America, Europe and Africa, I offer a few thoughts to help put the subject of pornography into a wider perspective.

A standard American dictionary defines pornography as "the depiction of erotic behaviour (as in pictures and writing) intended to cause sexual excitement" and "material (as books or a photograph) that depicts erotic behaviour and is intended to cause sexual excitement."

Whether or not we accept this definition we should ask four questions: What is erotic behaviour? Is such behaviour always, or even usually, to be condemned? Has the growing presence of "pornographic" material contributed significantly to an upsurge of deviant, dangerous sexual conduct among us? And have additional circumstances in Israel made an equal or yet larger contribution to the mounting wave of sex-related crime?

The erotic is whatever arouses one sexually. Like pornography itself, eroticism is in the eye of the beholder. A kiss may seem erotic, depending on the circumstances and on the observer. So, too, an embrace, hug, touch and spoken word.

There is often an element of the erotic in normal friendship, however unrecognized by those concerned. Cosmetics, perfume, dress, tone of voice, style of hair, bodily pose — all these may prove erotic and lead, unwittingly, to an erotic response. Where does one draw the line, particularly when each case seems different, depending on who is involved and the context?

IF WE ACCEPT that no straight line of this sort can be drawn, why should we assume that in Israel and elsewhere more openly-expressed erotic behaviour must lead to destructive behaviour? It is at least as likely to bring greater friendship,

## Erotic v. pornographic

Pornographic material is one cause of sexual deviance, but only one, not to be singled out for sole mention, writes Dr. Victor Low.



Pornographic — or merely erotic? Advertisement for bathing suits.

affection and love of a non-overt sexual kind. These human attributes have been thought life-enhancing. They can lead to marriage, the consummation of friendship between a man and a woman rightly approved by our culture.

*Playboy* magazine's annual sales in Israel are now more than 11,000. (Tourism may account for much of this figure.) The Haifa psychologist Esther Stein (as quoted in a recent article in *The Jerusalem Post*) believes the magazine is pornographic and that "pornographic pictures spring from the pages of 'reputable' magazines, even advertising has jumped on the bandwagon."

I have read *Playboy* occasionally over the last decade and found its photographs unreal, its prose often tedious, its adverts irrelevant. Another man (or woman) might find them of interest without being corrupted.

There is an adage that many women appear less provocative nude than artfully dressed; again, this may depend on the woman and the beholder but, if so, it does not bear out Stein's allegation.

The pictures and written material in magazines such as *Penthouse* do provide more amply erotic matter, without the accompanying detumescent humour. Many "hard-porn" magazines circulated in Israel are designed to arouse strong, often aggressive erotic feeling and nothing else. Were these banned from Israel we might well find ourselves in a Victorian age, where only the rich could afford to buy their equivalent.

This may not justify a general circulation of them — I don't think it does — though it may argue against a return to class privilege of that kind. THAT REPORTED tapes in Israel have risen sharply is a tragic fact. Data from Western countries concerning direct correlations between sexual abuse and the presence of erotic media are inconclusive, contradictory and rather less than definitive. The experience of Denmark has shown that full access to pornographic media may soon lead to a large decline in demand for them. An abundance of once-forbidden fruit as often as not sates the appetite. Each new generation

will likely know this phenomenon.

The *Post* article cites Ms. Stein's belief that "A booming world-wide industry in pornography has long infected Israel and... as it has done in the U.S., it will kill society here — if we don't kill it first." Leaving aside the vexed question of whether America is now dead or, if so, whether it was dispatched by pornography, we should ask whether Israel is in immediate danger of succumbing to the infection. But she may predicate here a concept of society which means culture, not country.

In that case, where must we call a stop to its spread? Shall we censor potentially erotic biblical literature? No literal interpretation of *The Song of Songs*? No mention of the rape of Tamar, the murderous adultery of King David? Or shall we forbid the sale and library loan of books, such as *The Joy of Sex* with their graphic, explicit drawings? No films which show unmarried couples in bed? Not even sensual Hebrew poetry and Israeli art?

Like Ms. Stein, I am quite serious and concerned. In most Islamic and Communist countries a "true faith" prohibits the distribution (save among a favoured few) of all media which might arouse erotic longing. There is no evidence that rape or other sex crimes there have been fewer, proportionally, than in Israel at present.

VIOLENCE is likelier to flourish where ethical standards have been slowly debased than where they have been raised to a high level. Ads for "luxury apartments," "large villas," fashion pages in the media, merchandizing of expensive cars, the "export quality" label on food are among some of the more visible contributors to an ambience in Israel which may provoke aggressive, anti-social behaviour. Violence sometimes is the consequence as much of economic as of libidinal anger and frustration or of psychic disturbance. Pornographic material is doubtless one cause of sexual deviance (including rape), but simply one, not to be minimized in its potential effect and not to be singled out for sole mention.

Fidelity to the given word, observance of the law, politeness toward each fellow human, an unobtrusive life-style: these are a few gauges by which we can measure the psychic health of a nation and its strength if confronted with unduly erotic media. Truism, yes, though still truer when rape is considered a sickness reflecting the whole of a culture's decline toward what has been called the pornography of violence. To this term may be added another "the pornography of ostentation and moral indifference."

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## On The Market

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watching television.

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# Belly laughs



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western counterparts. In Western dance, a leap is an expression of joy, which in oriental dancing, large movements convey vulgarity. Thus, dance movements are small, and joy is expressed by the dancer standing in one spot and allowing her whole body to tremble.

Oriental dance is based largely on muscular isolations — moving one

part of the body without moving anything else. Each movement stimulates and vitalizes muscles and organs and is also beneficial to posture. To do the shimmy, the spine has to be kept straight, the chest high and the neck long. This controlled movement is later reflected in the way one walks.

A belly dancer makes rippling

movements of the stomach, with the lower torso gyrating. Goldman claims that these movements are good for the spine, helping it become flexible and loose. This ripple movement is known as an undulation and can be achieved with all parts of the body, loosening and relaxing neck, shoulders, arms and legs. When properly executed, it looks great, and, says Goldman, it gets rid of tension.

To prove her point, Goldman persuaded several members of the audience to exercise with her. Some didn't have too much trouble in moving their hips or in coordinating their foot and leg movements, but it was not so easy to emulate Goldman's fluid shoulder and arm ripples. Still, after a few minutes' practice, arms became more flexible.

In case you are dubious about the oriental dance abilities of an American, there's no need to worry. Watching Goldman's demonstration at the Sheraton were several ladies of the Egyptian embassy. Their smiles of approval and hand-claps to the music were indicative that Goldman knows where she's at.

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One of the main inherent advantages of power stations is the possibility of central monitoring of the generation of large blocks of electric power. If every private house, business and industrial plant had to produce its own energy, there would be a multiplicity of pollution points, which it would be impossible to supervise.

The extensive experience in the operation of power stations that has accumulated makes it possible to prevent nuisances arising as a result of the transport of coal, its combustion in steam boilers, and the disposal of the clinker and ash produced by combustion.

Since construction has started of a power station at a site north of Nahal Hadera, and the construction of a station near Ashkelon is at a preliminary stage, the Electric Corporation's department for environmental quality has undertaken wide ranging surveys in these areas. These surveys are being made in cooperation with the Israel Water Planning Institute's technological department, the Technion, and research and planning companies in Israel, the USA and Europe.

The results of these surveys show that correct planning, the use of modern equipment, and the adaptation of power stations to the conditions in the environment together create the possibility of running a power station without producing environmental damage.

Various means are now employed to safeguard power station coal, and prevent its dissipation. The transfer of the coal from the boat to the storage yard is effected by closed materials handling equipment, the coal being damped to prevent the spread of dust. In the coal yard, the coal is kept damp and compacted. It is transferred to the grinding mills and furnaces in automatic, ventilated systems. The clinker and mills remaining after combustion are treated in a sophisticated fly ash remaining after combustion are treated in a sophisticated system. The clinker remains on the furnace bed, in heavy lumps. Ninety-nine per cent of the fly ash which passes towards the chimneys with the flue gases is trapped in electrostatic precipitators.

The clinker is used for ground fill in earthmoving operations, and in the surfacing of roads. It is also utilized as a raw material in agriculture and in building. The clinker from Hadera power station is currently being sold to a building company.

Combustion in the furnaces produces sulphur dioxide, nitric oxide and fly ash — potential atmospheric pollutants. The Electric Corporation tries to purchase coal with a low sulphur content. Different types of coal are mixed, so as not to infringe the standards drawn up for the quality of the atmosphere. Around power stations, these monitoring stations are set up to keep a check on air quality; these monitoring stations include meteorological monitoring equipment. The data stations include meteorological monitoring equipment. The data stations provided by these stations allow a constant check to be kept on air pollution. If the permitted contamination level is exceeded, a warning is given at the power station, and immediate steps are taken to correct the situation.

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## Slender is the night

Jane Steiner admires the Paris shows



Spencer jacket suit by Ungaro.

IT WAS springtime in Paris and visitors to the Louvre were in for an unexpected treat. In the middle of the museum's courtyard stood two enormous blue tents, and strains of everything from classic to pop music were heard as thousands of people — some extraordinarily clad — milled around.

The unsuspecting tourist had stumbled across Paris fashion week. The *crème de la crème* of Paris designers were proudly presenting their *Prêt-à-Porter* collections for next fall and winter.

If you have a slender figure, this will definitely be your season. The most dominant fashion theme was the pencil skirt, which was shown in mini- to ankle-lengths. Also the "wedge-shape" look was much in evidence.

One of the sexiest and most amusing shows was that of young designer Jean Paul Gaultier. His heavily 1950s-inspired collection included many very short pencil skirts with splits, worn with big belts and blouson jackets. There were some pretty, extremely flared mid-skirts paired with wedge-shape jackets, which had huge collars and dipped at the waist.

Emanuel Ungaro made beautiful use of the Spencer jacket which also dipped at the waist. He used a lot of velvet and coloured suedes in his

collection and had a nice selection of suede smock dresses. His skirt lengths were fairly conservative — either just above or below the knee.

Both Dorothée Bis and Angelo Tarlazzi's collections were dominated by stunning knitwear. Their collections, although very different, were exquisite and quite wearable. In Bis' show there was a beautiful group of big-checked long, flowing knitted coats worn over matching smaller-checked three-quarter length cardigans, and even smaller checked tops and straight skirts. There was also the tube dress with raglan sleeves — another popular theme these days in Paris — set off with silver buttons running down the back or front with huge pockets.

THE DOLMAN sleeve was omnipresent in Tarlazzi's show. Whether used in the design of a flowing coat or jacket, or in a straight dress, cardigan or blouse, it always produced a fabulous effect. His pretty knitted dresses were trimmed with ruffled collars and sleeves, and worn with huge knitted shawls which were also edged in ruffles.

Ruffles trimming neck-lines, hems and sleeves were used in many collections, especially in Christian Dior's. However, one of the biggest sensations at the show, admittedly was the presence of Princess Caroline of Monaco. Aside from the copper and silver lamé skirts and blouses, and the flared culottes with their skirt-like effect, she attracted about the most attention.

Claude Montana had one of the most spectacular shows. Some of his designs had a touch of outlandish creativity about them and thus did not exactly constitute everyday wear. The silhouette usually was well-defined, with large shoulders, cinched-in waists and straight short lengths. Beautiful three-quarter-length fur coats with inserts of leather made up one section, while ciné quilted wedge-shape jackets and trousers made up another.

Today's edited by Joanna Yekiel

## american wallpaper

!!! GRAND OPENING !!!

On May 9th, for the first time in Israel, there will be the Grand Opening of an American wallpaper shop. The only shop in all of Israel to carry wallpaper imported from the U.S. specializing in water-proof, washable and childproof canvas backed vinyl. The shop has a beautiful boutique-y kind of atmosphere. The books and catalogues carry a selection of prints, florals, geometrics and Mylar (foils), suitable for every room in the house, including children's room, kitchen and bathroom. Free consultation will be available during opening week by resident interior designer Rachel Goldsmith. Just bring your room dimensions and she will be happy to assist you. Located in the centre of Raanana — in the passageway at 110 Ahuzat Street, Raanana.

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## The long list of woes of the citrus industry

On this matter Barkai said that he

It is possible that there was some erosion of real wages during the last three months of 1981 as a result of this policy, but there is no other choice if the government's excess demand is to be reduced. The

Trade Secretary Alberto de las Carreras said the measure would be in effect for 45 days. He said the purpose was to make sure imports of items such as electronic and home entertainment equipment, liquor and cigarettes don't rise above current levels.

Earlier, following Argentina's April 2 invasion of the Falklands, Argentina prohibited the sale of foreign currency and overseas remittances on profits from foreign investments.

Paidi also pointed at some other worrisome signs. Greece, which became a member of the EEC last year, has started to penetrate new

Omer said that the Citrus Marketing Board had during the past few years made some changes to lower operation costs especially in transporting the fruit from Israel to the European markets. This included the use of modern unitized cargo systems. Thus last year over 50 per cent of all fruit was sent on unitized pallets.

Metro International airlines has been authorized by the Transport Ministry to begin regular bi-weekly flights between Israel and the U.S., joining El Al and TWA. The decision came after Metro was granted recognition as a regular carrier by the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration, and after the company complied with all the technical and security requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority in Israel.

"Multimedia" was formed in Holland, although Kristal and Bach live in Britain. The rest of their original ideas on the sciences can be seen on bookshelves, wherever there is middle-class readership.

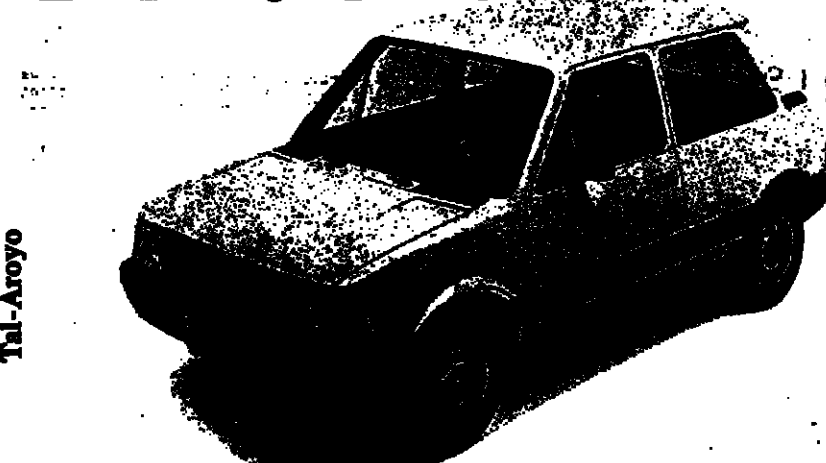
The new company is known as Godcrest Multimedia Television, whose chairman is Mike Woolley, former controller of documentaries at Thames Television.

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### CRYPTIC PUZZLE

**ACROSS**  
1 Crime of firing illegally (5)

- 9 Max's car (5)
- 9 Geographical name I  
confuse with Regina  
(7)
- 10 Certificates of some  
description (5)
- 11 One speedster it (5)
- 12 Wide distribution area  
(5)
- 13 No rider, perhaps, but  
an aircraft designer (7)
- 15 Satisfied to have been  
introduced (3)
- 17 I can't quite stand her  
(4)
- 18 My code, deciphered,  
is funny (6)
- 19 Flat-faced? (5)
- 20 Jobs for many a horse-  
breaker (6)
- 22 Only a lake (4)
- 24 Barbaric old person  
(3)
- 25 Bound to be a dog  
held by a top player (7)
- 26 Sort of rod to give a  
stir (5)
- 27 Sister of Lucifer? (5)
- 28 I follow a female  
giving tongue (5)
- 29 Claims on possibly  
legal points (7)
- 30 Nude saint on a  
biblical vessel (5)
- 31 Go like the wind! (5)

**DOWN**

- 2 Good man at putting things right? (6)
- 3 Known vegetables (6)
- 4 Pinch a pin-up (3)
- 5 Singer adding some words to a number (5)
- 6 Many a lion given back partial liberty (7)
- 7 Attack that makes some afraid (4)
- 8 Caught making an improper denial (6)
- 12 Writer in town (5)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

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13 Dump at the roadside (5)  
 14 Tear ahead and get somewhere (5)  
 15 It marks time at the kerbside (5)  
 16 Written by a non-U deputy, possibly (5)  
 18 Do detectives hesitate to drink it? (5)  
 19 Hot air as a stimulant (3, 4)  
 21 Name a Schubert piece (6)  
 22 Beastly stubborn (6)  
 23 Perform as a tearaway? (6)  
 25 Yes boy, they may be beefy (5)  
 26 Expert on a horse (4)  
 28 He has a piece of wood to cut (3)

**Yesterday's Cryptic Solution**  
ACROSS. — 1, Sancer, 7, Of course, 8, BR-EW, 10, Charns, 11, AB-sent, 14, You!U, 16, Lines, 17, Rust, 19, Cop-Ed, 21, C-O-W-E-S, 22, Balna, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837,

### EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS  
Basic foodstuff (5)  
Religious belief (5)  
Small quantity (7)  
Boys' organization member (5)  
Relative (5)  
Recorded (5)  
Sticks (7)  
In favour of (3)  
Metal (4)  
Canyon (6)  
Competitor (5)  
Joined together (6)  
Inflamed sore (4)  
Floor — covering (3)  
Slide (7)  
Fortunate (5)  
Schoolchild (5)  
Removes skin (5)  
Suffocates (7)  
Obligations (5)  
Apart (5)

**DOWN**  
Subside (6)  
Entertained (6)  
Speck (3)  
Travel permits (5)  
Burial service (7)  
Among (4)  
Big — businessman (6)  
Lukewarm (5)  
Book (5)  
Nun's dress (5)  
Dirt (5)  
Alitude (5)  
Congregate (5)  
Consequences (7)  
Temperament (6)  
Accentuate (6)  
Shouted (6)  
Light boat (5)  
Inventory (4)  
Vegetable (3)

**Solutions to  
today's puzzle  
tomorrow**

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## Aridor backtracks

NEGOTIATIONS for new wage contracts always make for tense labour relations, and the present round is no exception to the rule. As always, the storm centre is now in the public sector — but with the difference, this time, that it is not powerful works committees that stir up unrest but, apparently, the Treasury.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor also appears to be bent upon dictating to the private sector and the Histadrut what wage bargain they shall be allowed to strike.

The immediate issue is the Treasury's refusal to go on paying the so-called "erosion supplement" of IS425 a month in the public sector, which is the counterpart of an agreed 5 per cent wage increase — in addition to the cost-of-living allowance — in the private sector. The Treasury says, first, that the agreement to pay this increment was limited to the January-March period so that the new wage package from April on must be negotiated from the *ex ante* base. Secondly, the Treasury argues that it makes no sense to talk of wage erosion when real wages went up nearly 10 per cent in 1981.

Both arguments sound plausible at first hearing. However, the plausibility becomes thin when one looks a little closer at the facts. The 5 per cent wage increment in the private sector, and the parallel flat IS425 a month in the public sector, were part of the existing wage agreements. They were meant as additional compensation for inflation if the cost-of-living allowance failed to maintain real wages.

In the first quarter of the year, with inflation amounting to 20.3 per cent, this clearly happened. Even with the extra increment, the 16.6 per cent cost-of-living allowance for April — paid in May — would only bring up real wages to their level at the end of 1981.

The workers' real gain in 1981 was the inevitable result of the time lag with which allowances are paid. When inflation accelerates — as it did almost continuously for eight years until 1981, and as is happening again now — real wages always fall behind.

Mr. Aridor's election-induced "proper economics" in 1981 reversed that process. By shelling out some freshly printed IS40b, on subsidies and reduced indirect taxes, he brought inflation down. Workers therefore got cost-of-living allowances based on past, and higher, inflation rates. For the first time in eight years, they gained in real terms from the cost-of-living agreement. The losses and the gains from this mechanism are always permanent.

The finance minister's advisors have apparently made him wake up, belatedly, to the realities of the aftermath of last year's election campaign. He therefore now wants wage earners to cough up some of the gifts he showered upon them last year. One no longer hears much of "supply-side economics." We are back to good old-fashioned demand management, and to an incomes policy. And the "full compensation for inflation" has become a fuzzy concept, which Mr. Aridor no longer wants to spell out.

Politically, Mr. Aridor is as astute as ever. He still has only an interim budget. In a Knesset split evenly between coalition and opposition he will have a hard time getting the 1982 budget approved. In addition, he is from time to time saddled with expenditures he has not foreseen in the budget — such as the cost of grounding El Al on the Sabbath, which may cost as much as the IS425 a month for the public sector workers for a whole year.

No wonder, therefore, that Mr. Aridor tries to backtrack on his "proper economics" and to make a firm stand on wages. If fiscal stringency and a cutback in real wages can help him get his budget through in the next two-three months, he should be able to become generous again when the next election campaign starts in earnest. For a politician fighting for time, three, six, or nine months are eternity. He can safely trust the public to have forgotten by September what he did in July.

There is a lesson in this for the opposition, if it would at last wake up to its parliamentary role. It should keep Mr. Aridor on a tight rein and fight his budget step by step and item by item. It should scrutinize each and every allocation, even when it hurts the economic interests affiliated with its own constituents, and demand full disclosure of information and full debate, down to the last detail. It should keep the finance minister dangling on interim budgets, right up to the elections. That alone may prevent him from staging another round of "proper economics."

## Wrong money for right idea

"THE GOVERNMENT will work for the establishment of a free educational system from the age of three. Progress will be gradual...The government will take steps to carry this programme out within the next four years..."

This undertaking, too, was included in last year's coalition agreement, and for once no exception can be taken to it. True, it also was in the nature of a "religious" concession — but only because the immediate concessionaire was the National Religious Party's Ze'evulun Hammer, the former and future minister of education. A system of free nursery education for the three- and four-year-olds has long been a crying necessity, even more so than the free high-school education provided through Mr. Hammer's initiative four years ago.

Now Mr. Hammer is out to honour the new pledge. He stresses, rightly, that early childhood education is one of the best ways to close the achievement gap between social and ethnic groups that shows up later at higher levels of schooling. Free nursery schools are a general, not a sectarian, interest.

Their introduction, however, raises one major practical question: where is the money to come from, even if the programme is spread out over a period of several years? How is the hard-pressed, and hard-pressing, Treasury to be induced to pay for a new Ministry of Education activity? Mr. Hammer's answer is: there will be no need to trouble the Treasury at all. The money will come from slightly increased personal contributions to the National Insurance Institute, as has been the case with free high-school education.

This peculiar, though admittedly ingenious, method of financing education was objectionable when it was first broached, and it remains so today. If free nursery schools, like free high schools, are a service worthy to be supplied by the state, which they are, then they ought to be paid for from the state's regular budget, with its wide variety of revenue sources, and not from the contributions of employees and the self-employed to national insurance.

The NII itself has taken umbrage at Mr. Hammer's suggestion: it does not wish to become a collection agency for the Ministry of Education. And rightly so, too.

## Charge and retreat

LEON HADAR looks at the latest anti-Israel resolution at the UN and finds that the Arabs have not advanced their goal of delegitimizing the Jewish State.

THE RECENT assault on Israel at the UN, which culminated in a General Assembly resolution calling on the international community to halt political, military and economic assistance to Israel, has been, in many ways, another Arab exercise in futility.

The General Assembly vote on the resolution, which fell on Israel's Independence Day, concluded the "special emergency" session on the "question of Palestine." The vote was not very different from the last two Arab attempts to have the Security Council censure Israel. Both these attempts were sabotaged by an American veto.

The current resolution calls for, among other things, Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories and for the establishment of a Palestinian state or the inclusion of the PLO in a peace settlement. It also declares that Israel is not a peace-loving state.

"Israel's record and actions confirm that it has carried out neither its obligations under the (UN) Charter nor its commitment" under the 1949 General Assembly resolution that admitted it to the UN, the resolution states. Clearly the groundwork is being laid for an attempt to expel the Jewish State from the world body.

But the vote on the resolution should be analysed on the basis of whether the Arabs achieved the goals they set for themselves.

One can easily conclude that this time the vote did not advance the Arab goal of delegitimizing Israel even one diplomatic square.

THE RESOLUTION adopted by the General Assembly is simply a combination of the language used in the resolution adopted last February after the Golan War and that of last year's resolution on the "question of Palestine."

The February resolution, which also called for sanctions against Israel, did not lead to any major rift in relations between Israel and other UN members, although apparently it negatively affected the possibility of Israel's renewing diplomatic ties with certain African

states. No one expects anything catastrophic to happen in terms of Israel's diplomatic position following last Wednesday's vote.

The Arabs, no doubt disappointed by two defeats in the Security Council, reconvened the "special emergency" session with a new scheme in mind. A draft resolution, prepared by the PLO and Syria, included a new element: a clear and specific call for Israel's expulsion from the UN.

Only the Security Council can expel a country from the world body. However, if a member's credentials are rejected, it can be suspended "temporarily" from the General Assembly, which is what happened to South Africa in 1974. Israeli diplomats here are concerned it might happen to Israel one of these days.

The committee that will review Israel's credentials when the 37th regular session begins, is to be selected by the outgoing president of the General Assembly, Iraq's Ismael Kittani, and the Israelis here have no illusions about his attitude.

Still, even were the committee to recommend that Israel's credentials be rejected, this step requires approval by a two-thirds majority in the assembly.

THE INITIAL Syria-PLO draft resolution twice mentioned the idea of reviewing "Israel's status," and it drew an immediate American reaction that surprised even the Israelis by its critical tone. The American ambassador, Jeane Kirkpatrick, ridiculed the notion of the "resumption" of the "emergency" session on Palestine, which adjourned "temporarily" last July, calling this a "doubtful procedure."

She warned that should the General Assembly ouster Israel, it would suffer "the consequences in terms of its credibility and reputation."

Kirkpatrick's address before the assembly, as well as the U.S. vetoes in the Security Council indicates, it seems, a policy of solid American support for Israel at the UN. It is significant that the U.S. used its veto power against an Arab resolution implying Israeli responsibility

for the April 11 Temple Mount sniper incident; in 1969, the U.S. abstained on a resolution blaming Israel for a fire at Al-Aksa mosque, which had been set by an Australian tourist. And the Security Council then adopted a resolution criticizing Israel's occupation of Jerusalem.

Cynics would note that the two recent American vetoes, as well as certain statements in the assembly, followed hard upon the withdrawal from Sinai and were intended to eliminate concern about American commitment to Israel.

WHATEVER pragmatic calculations one divines in Washington, there are signs of a strong consensus emerging on U.S. policy at the UN, which may partly explain why the Arabs ultimately excised the threat of expelling Israel from this draft resolution.

In recent months two groups at opposite ends of the American political spectrum — the liberal *ad hoc* group, which includes Cyrus Vance, Edmund Muskie and Dean Rusk, and the conservative Heritage Foundation think-tank — called upon the Reagan Administration to reassess its policy towards the UN. With all their political differences both groups denounce UN policy towards Israel and UN support for the PLO. The two groups have reached almost identical conclusions on one point: they urged the U.S. to consider using its political and financial power to prevent the UN from taking steps that harm U.S. interests, such as expelling Israel.

The "U.S. must continue to make it clear that if Israel's denied participation, pressure from the Congress and the public may impel the U.S. to reduce its financial support of the UN, perhaps even suspend its participation," concludes a study prepared by the liberal group. "Whether or not this is the time for the U.S. to cut off funds for the UN is a policy decision that has to take into consideration many factors," states a Heritage Foundation analysis. "But one thing is certain: the leverage exists. Were the U.S. to use it, the UN would undoubtedly

## Dry Bones



become severely handicapped, if not actually defunct."

Moreover, the Senate Foreign Relations committee approved a resolution last month warning the UN against barring Israel from the General Assembly. The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.) would suspend U.S. participation in the General Assembly and withhold U.S. funds if Israel or any other democratic country is "expelled, suspended, denied its credentials or in any way denied its rights and privileges in the General Assembly." It was passed by a 7-3 vote. Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) is sponsoring a similar resolution in the House of Representatives.

UN SECRETARY GENERAL Javier Perez de Cuellar did not hide his opposition to the Arab threat on expelling Israel in meetings he had with representatives of Syria, Jordan and the PLO. So the Arabs backed down and dropped it from their final draft. It resembled the February resolution following the Golan annexation, and the pattern of voting was almost a replay of February. Almost the same 86

members that voted in favour of the earlier resolution — the Arab and communist blocs and most of the black African states — supported this one. Again most Latin American states and a few pro-Western Asian and black African states abstained. The anti-resolution force of February, which included the U.S. and Western Europe, with the exception of Greece and Spain, also opposed last Wednesday's resolution.

There were some changes — Austria abstained in February and voted against this resolution while Japan did the reverse. And Turkey abstained in February and this time voted in favour of the Arab-backed resolution. Peru, however, favoured the February resolution and the last week joined most of the Latin American countries in abstaining. It is clear that the Arabs have reached a certain stalemate in their efforts to expel Israel.

That is not to say that they won't try again at the start of the regular General Assembly session or put out some new anti-Israeli move.

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## READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — David Shaked questioned the credibility of the IDF Spokesman document concerning Messrs. Karim Khalaf and Bassam Shak' (Letters April 19). Mr. Shaked pointed to the insignificant errors of nomenclature (errors which he himself termed "silly") and, on the basis of these, attempted to deduce that the entire 11-page document which gives specific references to places and dates is invalid. Mr. Shaked moreover readily admitted that he did not "have the facilities" to check the charges or quotations, yet insinuated that they were incorrect, basing his assumption on his personal acquaintance with the deposed Mayor of Ramallah (an admission which should shed light on his own objectivity).

Mr. Shaked contends that the Spokesman's assertion that Khalaf was twice implicated as a prime accomplice in court trials which convicted other suspects must be untrue since "if that were true, he would long ago have been jailed or expelled." Mr. Shaked finally accuses the IDF Spokesman of attempting to play on the "short memories" of the public by attributing to Shak's words said in a conversation with former Territories Coordinator Danny Matt (1979), which Mr. Shaked claims had never been said, a fact he contends is substantiated by the publication of the "leaked transcript of the controversial conversation" in *Ha'aretz*.

After careful examination of the original document it appears that Mr. Shaked is quoting from a summary of a translation, the only fac-

## THE IDF SPOKESMAN'S CREDIBILITY

tual errors which he was able to find were the two minor errors on nomenclature which Mr. Shaked mentioned, namely the substitution of the Hawatmeh organization's former name, the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, for its present appellation, Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The second error which we committed and acknowledge was the inadvertent substitution of Palestine Liberation Front for "Palestine National Front. Though Mr. Shaked claims that the PNF is not associated with the PLO, we should like to cite the *PFLP Bulletin*, March 1982, No. 60, p. 10: "The PNF has adopted a progressive programme, positioning itself as the primary arm of the PLO in the occupied territories and declaring its commitment to the National Covenant and the organizational and political programmes of the 14th PNC." (Photocopy of the original enclosed.)

Though we cannot for want of space send Mr. Shaked the originals of every single quotation which we have employed, we are enclosing photocopies of the original *Al-Hurriya* quote (September 1980) whose authenticity he doubted; the *Al-Hadaf* quotation September 15, 1980; "The return of Jerusalem, Ramallah, Nablus, Bethlehem and Hebron necessitates the return of Jaffa, Haifa and Umm el-Fahm. We request of our brethren that they work together with us for the liberation of Palestine from the river (Jordan) to the (Mediterranean sea); as well as the quotation from *Die Presse* (July 2, 1980): "The only solution is war... in a number of years we shall be the victors and Israel shall no longer exist!"

We cannot verify what Khalaf told Mr. Shaked in private conversations, but the records of Khalaf's views which we presented are public domain. While it is correct that Khalaf was twice implicated in the trials of convicted criminals, he was not pursued in justice due to the discretion of the Israel Administration. We are sure that, had he been so pursued, expelled or imprisoned, Mr. Shaked would have been even more critical of the Israeli Administration than he is of the IDF Spokesman.

As for Mr. Shak's words to the former Territories Coordinator, the quotation which the Spokesman utilized was, in fact, that of the authorities transcript of the conversation as published in *Ha'aretz* and *Yediot Aharonot*: "As long as the conquest continues, you can expect many more actions of this kind (Coastal Road Massacre) etc." We are enclosing photocopies. If these words even in their expurgated state seemed too vitriolic for Mr. Shaked to feel comfortable with, that is not our fault.

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## AMOS ELON ON CENSORSHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In *The Jerusalem Post* of May 2, the editor of the British *Journal Encounter*, Melvin J. Lasky, wrote a very condemning article in which he accused Amos Elon, among others, of writing lies about Israeli censorship on the West Bank. Making a very convincing case for himself, Lasky says that Elon's story in *Ha'aretz* (which was picked up by Anthony Lewis in *The New York Times* and circulated in the world's press) giving a list of banned books in the West Bank, is completely without foundation, and he accuses Elon of rushing into

print, libelling the State of Israel without making any effort to check his facts.

Elon, given a platform the very next day by *The Jerusalem Post*, reacted to Lasky's article, resorting to the underhand tactic of trying to discredit Lasky by saying that he writes for a "German" newspaper, and then denies a cocktail party conversation.

What we want to hear, Mr. Elon, is your answer to what you printed — not what you said.

DORIS COPPERMAN  
Pitha Tikva.

## THE RAZING OF YAMIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The razing of Yamit is doubly shocking when one considers that there are nine huge refugee camps in the Gaza Strip in which nearly 200,000 refugees from the 1948 war have been living in wretchedly crowded conditions these past three decades.

Since 1967, when Israel assumed control of the area, only a few hundred refugee families could be moved into permanent homes, as the process of constructing such new housing has been painfully slow due to financial and other obstacles.

What a magnificent contribution Israel could have made (at no cost!) had it offered to turn Yamit into a model city for refugee resettlement.

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